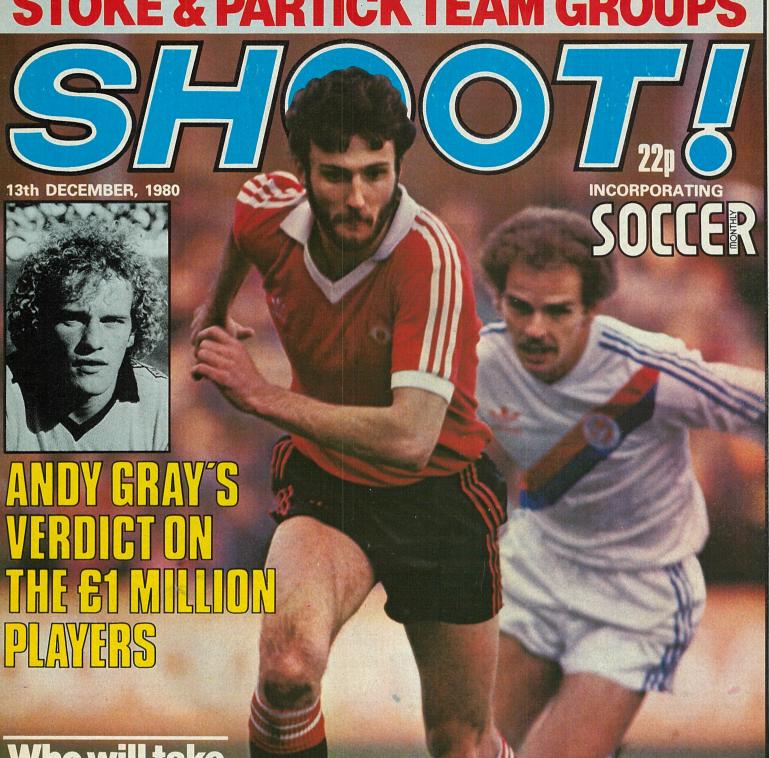
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Who will take Keegan's European crown?

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Garry Birtles shows his £1 million class for Manchester United, shadowed by Paul Hinshelwood of Crystal Palace.

SHOOT

NGLAND manager Ron Greenwood would be advised to follow Liverpool's creed in making it clear there is no room for sentiment in football.

It has long been Liverpool's philosophy not to let their hearts rule their heads when it comes to team selection.

If Kenny Dalglish has a sudden and dramatic loss of form, the Scotland international striker knows he will be relegated to the Central League reserve team to make way for a player thrusting for a first team position.

And that goes for any member of Bob Paisley's team, irrespective of their service to football or the esteem with which they are held on the terraces.

The Liverpool squad is monitored day by day by one of the best back-up teams of coaches in soccer. Any loss of form, lack of application in training or loss of discipline is spotted and acted upon. There is no room for sentiment.

When Emlyn Hughes was surplus to requirements he was allowed to go to Wolves. Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith, John Toshack, Alec Lindsay, and Steve Heighway have been others sold or phased out when their playing

powers were on the wain.

England could well take a leaf out of Liverpool's book, although it must be admitted that running a national side is vastly different from pulling the strings at club level.

Replaced

If Dave Watson had struggled for Liverpool as he has for England in his last two internationals against Rumania and Switzerland, he would have been replaced.

No player has given more wholehearted support to the cause of reviving England's respectability than the big Nottingham-born Southampton defender, but by his own supreme standards he is not playing as well now for England as he did in the early days of his remarkable international career.

He has lost that quickness off the mark so essential in a central defender, and that sureness in the tackle which prompted Sir Alf Ramsey to choose him for the first of his 57 caps in England's 0-0 draw in Lisbon on April 3, 1974.

It is an old adage in boxing that a Champion should retire when he is winning and not make the mistake of so many, Muhammad Ali included, of going on for so long that the crown they once wore so

proudly is knocked askew. The time has surely arrived when Dave Watson, born October 5, 1946, should give way to Terry Butcher, the powerful Ipswich defender, who has been carefully nurtured by Greenwood and his able lieutenants Bobby Robson and Terry Venables.

Easy selection

THE number of candidates this year is limited, despite the European Championship Finals. It seems that the emphasis on team-play has lowered the chances of individuals making an impact. Even so, the choice is easy: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has played to a constantly high level. The only other player who springs to mind is Jan Ceulemans of Belgium, but he is still in Rummenigge's shadow.

BERT JONGEN, Holland.

Van Moer passion and pace

IT is usual for the goalscorers to be picked out as key players and col-lect all the kudos, but without the midfield generals who create the chances, very few goalscorers would be able to make goals out of nothing and this is one reason why I decided to opt for Belgium's Wilfried Van Moer.

Van Moer was a real veteran in the 1980 European Championship, and in midfield he alone equalled the gifts of the talented young German Bernd Schuster. Belgium would never have been so successful without Van Moer, who really showed all the younger players what midfield craft is all about. ERIC BATTY, England.

Made the biggest impact

I GO for Rummenigge because nobody else can claim to have made such an impact at club and international level during the last 12 months. Belgium's Jan Ceule-mans is my Number Two due to his exciting form during the European Championship. And I don't think I'm being partisan if I go for Luis Arconada of Spain and Real Sociadad.

MUNDO DEPORTIVO, Spain.

Pity Breitner's in the cold

I WOULD give the prize to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who with 26 goals in 34 League games helped Bayern Munich to win, what to me, is the best League in the world. Rummenigge was also in the German European Champions team, though I would not put him among the five best Germans there.

I think it's a pity that Paul Breitner, playmaker-in-chief at Bayern, doesn't want to play for the national side. He might very well be the best player in Europe. FRANK SJÖMAN, Sweden.

Now for Europe

I WAS right last year when I tipped Kevin Keegan and I think I'll be correct this year, too, with Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. He is West Germany's Footballer of the Year, he was last season's top Bundes-



Hansi Müller

Germany would not have won the European Championship. He was, without doubt, the revelation of the tournament.

BRIAN GLANVILLE, England.

It must be Rummenigge

IN my view, Karl-Heinz Rum-menigge will walk away with the title. The Bayern Munich and Germany striker is the only player who has had a consistent season at top level. He's fast, skilful, has a good shot, makes and scores goals . . . a world-class player. No doubt about it: Rummenigge was Europe's best player in 1980.
Other candidates for a high plac-

ing in this year's poll are Horst Hrubesch, Jan Ceulemans, Wilfried Van Moer, Bernd Schuster and

Luis Arconada.

But it must be Rummenigge, he's got everything, vision, pace, a 'killer' instinct, and a touch of

DANNY GEERTS, Belgium.

FERY soon France Football will announce who W the 1980 European Footballer of the Year is. Their correspondents around the Continent vote for five players, with their first choice receiving five points and so on. We asked our own correspondents and other sports writers in Europe for their choice and there is no doubt that . .

liga scorer and in my view the best player of the European Championship. The European Player of the Year award must be next. Others I'd mention are Antongnoni (Italy), Platini (France), Dalglish (Scotland) and Bum-kun Cha, the South Korean of Eintracht Frankfurt.

KARL-HEINZ JENS. Kicker, West Germany

He'll 'do a Reagan'

I FORECAST Karl-Heinz Rum-menigge will 'do a Robert Reagan' and win by a landslide. He was the Bundesliga's top scorer last season and is on the way to retaining his German goal-crown. I discount Schuster, because his club form has been indifferent. My top three: Rummenigge, Van Moer and Arconada. Isn't it sad, though, that Kevin Keegan, a runaway winner a year ago, will probably receive little more than a handful of votes in 1980?

CHRIS DAVIES, SHOOT.

Schuster revelation

ALTHOUGH I don't think he'll win the award, I'd pick Bernd Schuster, without whose contribution West

Karl-Heinz's year

WHEN searching for candidates one naturally looks back to the major European Finals and the European Championship. The players who, in my opinion, stood out were Hrubesch, Schuster, Rummenigge, Wilfried Van Moer, Graziani, and Graham Rix.

I think Rummenigge will win the title, becoming the fifth player from the Bundesliga in the past five years to win the award. It's really been his year.

JENS. CHR. NOHR, Denmarl

Not my selection, but . . .

I'M 100 per cent certain that Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will be the European Footballer of the Year. As with Kevin Keegan in 1978 and 1979, Rummenigge is a colourful player with a successful club and country. On the other hand. I didn't think he was the best player in the European Championship and my own personal players of the year are Ruud Krol and Wilfried Van Moer, the 'discovery' of 1980. PAVEL RYPAR, Gol, Czechoslovakia.

Stars hard to find

The increasing emphasis on not losing has forced a change in football and the game is now fighting to survive. Star players are hard to find. They are, as often as not, sacrificed by coaches or too lenient referees. Only players with that extra magical quality stand out and there is no doubt that Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is such a player and he is my choice. HANS MOLENAAR, Holland.

Müller my choice

THE only truly outstanding foot-ball in Europe is now in West Germany so of course a German player must win the award. Rummenigge may be favourite, but a striker is always the most evident. My choice is another German, Hansi Müller, the best midfielder in Europe. Goals win games, but Müller's assists make so many goals.

STEFANO GERMANO. Guerin Sportivo, Italy.



Wilfried Van Moer

"Kalle" has everything

EUROPEAN football is in need of young players who are capable of good performances, find ease at scoring goals, and play for the team and for themselves. West Germany has been producing them by the score, symbolised by the youth of Schuster, the danger-ous presence of Klaus Allofs in the opponents' area, the goalscoring capabilities of Hrubesch, the ballcontrol skills of Harald Nickel and the explosive Hansi Müller. One player, however, who has all these qualities together is Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — "Kalle" to his friends, He's my European Player of the Year.
ROBERTO LEVINSTEIN, Spain.

Pity only top players considered

IT'S a pity that only players with top sides are considered. What would be the reaction if I proposed



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someone from an average Belgian, Dutch or Greek side who'd per-formed magnificently yet didn't appear in Europe before the critics and voters? Anyway, having seen Karl-Heinz Rummenigge in the Bundesliga on TV, in European and international games I'm sure he'll walk away with the award. He's alert, clever, mobile, creates chances and takes them. STEVE STAVRIDIS, Greece.

Skills unequalled

AFTER a big competition it's normally very hard to decide who is the best player. But after Italy '80 there is in my opinion, only one No. 1 candidate. It's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. He had a super season and his talent, speed, dribbling and his finishing are at the moment, unequalled.

DIRK KÖSTER, West Germany.

Worthy successor to Keegan

I THINK that no one deserves the title of Best European Footballer of the Year more than Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. In Italy, last June, spectators and TV audiences were left spell-bound by his outstanding attacking skills.

His ability to break through down the side-line, his pace and brilliant ball-control can tear to shreds any opposing defence. Such a world-class player would be a worthy successor to the great Kevin Keegan. My second preference goes to Liam Brady (for his masterful play in midfield) and my third to Luis Arconada (for his brilliant saves with Real Sociedad and Spain).

SERGE D. MAIRET, Mondial, France.

Few personality players

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE has, without doubt, been the most important figure in European football for 1980. His ability to create and take chances makes him the best forward around; apart from being a key figure in Bayern's Bundesliga success, he also helped West Germany to win the European Championship. 1980 was dominated by West German soccer. Their supremacy is underlined by the fact that other main contenders are Bernd Schuster and Hansi Müller. Wilfried Van Moer is the only 'outsider' who may claim a place in the top three.



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HE eight members of the £1m club haven't, generally speaking, made the sort of impact most fans expected. The possible exception is Arsenal's Kenny Sansom, although he didn't so much cost a million as was valued at that amount in the swop with Clive Allen.

Also, as a defender, Kenny hasn't had to score a lot of goals, like the other seven, to justify his fee.

From a personal point of view, I'm sure I'm a better player now than I was with Aston Villa. On the other hand, my goal-average with Wolves has been one every three games, as opposed to one goal every other match throughout my career with Dundee United and Villa.

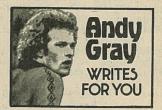
So, if I'm scoring fewer goals, how can I be a better striker? Well, I've learnt a lot more about the game in general under John Barn-well and Richie Barker.

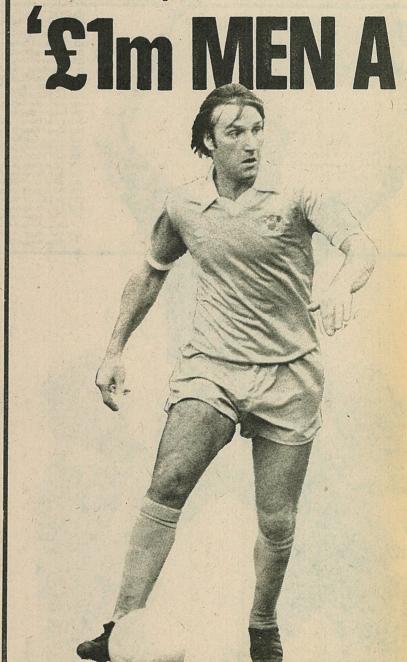
Also, perhaps I was receiving better service at Villa — the more chances a striker has the more goals he'll score. A striker is only as good as his service, and once we get this sorted out at Wolves I'm sure I'll be back to my goal-every-other-game average.

I said last season that my £1.5m fee could stand forever as a British record and if the proposal by the chairmen is accepted, it will make my record even harder to break. They want 50 per cent of the fee paid immediately and the balance inside 12 months.

This should go some way towards soccer sanity, although my own feelings are that we should step in line with Europe and have a maximum fee of around £500,000.

Many people blame Brian Clough for the way fees have spiralled. It's true he virtually doubled the previous record by paying Birmingham







football of his career.

I just hope he makes a complete recovery and isn't pushed back too early. I saw Peter Taylor on television and the impression he gave me was that Trevor wasn't working hard enough to get fit.

Trevor's injury was an awful one, the type that has finished some players' careers, while others, such as Roy McFarland, have never been quite the same afterwards. Only Trevor will know when he's ready he has the right attitude and temperament to know what to do.

Steve Daley seems to have had more critics than admirers since he moved from Wolves to Manchester City. I always rated Steve as a good attacking midfielder and have a lot of sympathy for him.

I'm sure even he was surprised at his £1.4m fee, although he had nothing to do with the price. It can't have been easy moving to Maine Road a year or so ago into a new set-

up, a new system and players com-

"I have one or two reservations about Clive Allen (white shirt)." wich. I expect to see the 'old' Kevin Reeves again very soon.

Kevin looked a fine player with Norwich, especially at Carrow Road. A £1m transfer tests a player's character and 1981 should see Kevin back to his best.

I've read that most of the £1m men are either inexperienced or not proven internationals. This is true, but a player doesn't reach his peak until he's about 27 and that's too old for a six-figure transfer.

Buying a 21- or 22-year-old, a club can look forward to ten years service. Anyway, you should know whether a player is going to make it or not by the time he's 22.

And, as I said, too much can be expected of the big fee men. While I admit goal-wise I haven't been good value to Wolves, I like to think I helped the club regain much of its status last season and I did manage to score the winning goal in the League Cup Final.

A player can never really justify such a huge fee — you have to take an overall look at his achievements.

lan Wallace, for instance, cost

City £1m for Trevor Francis, but he obviously thought Trevor was worth that much to Forest just as Blues rated Trevor that highly.

A fee is really just a figure agreed

"Steve Daley (left) has had more critics than admirers. Kenny Sansom (below) is the only £1m man to have made the expected impact."

between two managers. I don't wake up every morning aware that I'm Britain's costliest player. Other folk think of it more than I do.

Trevor's been unlucky with injuries since joining Forest. I doubt if he worries about his price tag. Players tend to worry about things only when they're not playing well and before his Achilles tendon injury Trev was playing the best

ing and going almost every week.
I also believe he had problems settling in the North. He lost a bit of confidence, and new manager John Bond looks set to release him at a cut-price fee.

No player could have welcomed John more at City than Kevin Reeves. It was John Bond who discovered Kevin at Bournemouth and made him a top-class striker at NorForest £1m and had scored seven goals in the first third of the season. This isn't bad going, even though he wasn't amongst the leading scorers.

I said in a previous column that I had one or two reservations about Clive Allen. This had nothing to do with his ability to score goals, because despite his recent problems I think he has an eye for goal.

Affected

I just wondered whether one good season in Division Two with Q.P.R. was the basis for a £1m transfer. I feel sorry for Clive. The Arsenal business and changes of manager at Palace must have affected him.

The latest member of the £1m club is Garry Birtles and once he's settled down at United I'm sure he will prove to be a big asset. Not only that, he will be good for Joe Jordan

and I expect to see big Joe scoring more often with Garry's help.

This Saturday (December 6th) Wolves play Arsenal at Highbury and I have happy memories of our visit there last season when I scored in our 3-2 win.

I won't be fit for this weekend's visit, but I'm hopeful my injured knee won't keep me out until Christmas.





FALKIRK could be off on a short tour of Europe next year. During a trip to Leicester, manager John Hagart had talks with the agent who arranged a world tour for Hearts when John was

word four for riearts when John was boss at Tynecastle.

Before leaving Leicester, Hagart also got a promise from manager Jock Wallace that he'd bring the City team to Brockville for a friendly game before the end of the season.

Thanks Barr



BARRY COWDRILL earned his old club, Sutton Coldfield, an extra £5,000 when he made his tenth first team appear-ance for West Bromwich Albion in the League Cup replay against Preston North End.

Cowdrill was a striker when he went to The Hawthorns, but Ron Atkinson has converted him into a full-back, and

nas converted nim into a full-back, and last season he deputised with distinction for the injured Derek Statham.

The tall, slightly built player, said: "I've welcomed the change of position and I've certainly enjoyed the experience at The Hawthorns. Now I'm hoping that I can play a lot more first team games in the future."

Clubsshow anti-hooligan POLAROID (U.K.) Ltd., wrote to all 92 League clubs suggesting apathy

way to help control the spread of hooliganism.

They are recommending that clubs issue supporters with portrait badges for entry to grounds. Fans causing trouble would have their passes confiscated.

The letter was ignored by the majority of clubs.

Polaroid's public relations officer Russell Roworth commented: "You would have thought that with the degree of violence happening at the present time a few clubs may have wanted to know more. But not a spark of interest -

not one club bothered to investigate further.

'Is the apparent concern among clubs really a smoke-screen?

"Southampton have been using such a system for their travel club members for some time now. The supporters are among the best behaved in the League and portrait cards have contributed to this."

HIBS' young goalkeeper, 19-year-old Colin Kelly, is the latest recruit to the Erik Sorensen school for goalkeepers. The Dane has a big reputation as a coach and has had Scottish goalkeeper Alan Rough as one of his pupils for sometime. Kelly travels regularly to Erichill for lescone.

larly to Firhill for lessons

Clubs interested in the identification badge system should write to Polaroid (U.K.) Ltd, Ashley Road, St Albans, Herts.



Progs galore

THE Giant New Year Programme Fair takes place on 4th January at The Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London WCI.
The Fair attracted more than 1,500 visitors last year, including a handful from overseas, and a bumper crowd is expected in next month.

One programme on show will be the 1963 European Cup Final Replay at Arsenal. The match was never played, of course, as Inter-Milan defeated Benfica 2-1 at Wembley and the programme is the only known copy remaining from the handful of printer's dummies run-off as examples!

The Fair runs from 10.30am to 4.00pm,

'Soccer tactics and skills'

and admission is 40p.

United before Scotland

MANCHESTER UNITED star Arthur Albiston is a patriotic Scot. But he is NOT worried if he doesn't get a call from Scotland manager Jock Stein. Says Arthur, already a Scotland Under-21 cap: "Sure, it would be nice to win a full Scotland house."

win a full Scotland honour, but I won't

win a full Scotland honour, but I won't lose any sleep if I don't.

"The reason is that my main aim is to really establish myself in the Old Trafford first team. I want that more than anything else in the game right now."

Now 38, Oakes has set a fine example to his squad by exerting himself fully in training.

ALAN BALL'S signing of £50,000 striker Wayne Entwistle from Leeds United could signal the termination of Black-pool's spending in the transfer market

being," said Ball, whose club are hard-

Feeney

CHESTER'S manager Alan Oakes still keeps his boots ready for use in emergencies, though a long injury list has not persuaded him to return to the first team.

for some time.

"There will be a halt for the time

It is likely that any further transfer activity will have to be financed by fees for players leaving the club.

RETIREMENT — at 29! That's the possibility facing Linfield goal-ace Warren Feeney, who is contemplating hanging up his boots at the end of the season.

The former Northern Ireland cap, who runs an East Belfast pub with his one-time Irish international dad Jimmy Feeney, reckons training, playing and looking after his ever-increasing business commitments are leaving him with less time to spend with his family.

WITHOUT doubt: "The F.A. Coaching Book of Soccer Tactics and Skills" by Charles Hughes is one of the finest books of its kind ever produced. It is based on a major BBC TV series of 14 coaching films produced in conjunction with the F.A., and featuring top stars Kevin Keegan, Treor Brooking, Peter Shilton, Ray Wilkins, Luther Blissett, many young players and 21 coaches including Ron Greenwood, Dave Sexton, Don Howe, Bobby Robson and Terry Venables. Beautifully illustrated with over 650 photographs, drawings and diagrams in colour and black and white, the book is published by BBC Publications and Queen Anne Press, at £8.50. THE BEST

DARLINGTON reckon they have the best pair of full-backs in the Fourth Division — and neither of them cost a penny. Alan Kamara arrived from York in the

BACKS

summer on a free transfer and Harry Wilson followed him from Preston shortly after the start of the season, also

shortly after the start of the season, also on a free.

"We've tightened up in defence recently and we owe a lot for that to our full-backs," said manager Billy Elliott.

"Kamara has set himself a high standard and hasn't dropped below it all season. Sometimes, I can't believe that I got him for nothing.

"Wilson wasn't very fit when he first came because he had been in dispute with Preston and wasn't playing, but he's worked hard in training and we're he's worked hard in training and we're now seeing the best of him."

It's Villa

SPURS skipper Steve Perryman is not at all surprised by Aston Villa's Championship challenge this season.
Says Steve: "Villa have spent the last couple of seasons wisely putting together a side capable of challenging for the major because

together a side capable of challenging for the major honours.

"They are now young enough and good enough to last the pace through the season. And signing striker Peter Withe has given them an added boost. He's proved himself a winner and has made all the difference. I really fancy their chances now."

And former West Ham star Alan Curbishley tips his old pals to win promotion. The Birmingham star says: "The Hammers are a First Division team by any standards and the only reason they stayed down last season was their run in the F.A. Cup. They'll make no mistake this time."



GRAND REUNION

TWO former Southend strikers have

teamed up again in the North-East. In the early 70's, Terry Johnson and Gary Moore were twin strikers for the Roots Hall club.

Now Johnson is back home playing for Northern League Blyth Spartans and was one of the stars of their famous F.A. Cup run two years ago.

And the new coach at Blyth is his old

Matthe New Coach at Biydh is his old mate Moore, who was also born in the North-East and played for Sunderland before moving to Grimsby, Southend and Colchester.

Ironically, Johnson was just pipped for the coaching job by Moore, whose first job was to prepare the team for an F.A. Cup First Round tie against Burton Albion.

Mills wants to play

DAVID MILLS cost West Bromwich Albion £500,000 when they signed Albion £500,000 when they signed him from Middlesbrough, but his appearance in the match against Ipswich Town was his first in the Football League since last January. Mills said: "Now I'm hoping to convince manager Ron Atkinson that I deserve a regular first team place."

"But it is not very easy stepping back into the Football League in front of 20,000 fans after playing in empty stadiums for the second team."

Over the past few months, Mills has been linked with several other clubs but he has remained at The Hawthorns. Now he is hoping that his patience will be rewarded with a first team slot.



We are the champions'

TO celebrate Liverpool's Championship victory last season, Hitachi U.K., the club's sponsors, commissioned a painting from Roger Harvey, one of the finest sport's artists in the country.

in the country.

Among the top stars Roger has painted are Ian Botham, Nick Faldo, Trevor Francis and John McEnroe.

From Roger's painting, called appropriately "We Are The Champions" and presented to the club at a special lunch recently, a limited edition of 850 prints, signed by the team and artist, have been produced.

Over halt of these have already been sold, but if any SHOOT reader would like one write to Liverpool F.C. Anfield Road, Liverpool 4, or Hitachi Sales U.K. Ltd., Station Road, Hayes, Middlesex.

Price of each print, which includes a certificate of authenticity signed by Roger Harvey, F.A. Secretary Ted Croker and Liverpool chairman John Smith, is £59 (including post and packing).

• Liverpool and Hitachi U.K., have donated two of these superb prints (which will be framed) to SHOOT as prizes for an exclusive competition next week. Don't miss

JIMMY RIMMER, who struggled to establish himself in the early part of his

establish himself in the early part of his career, is now at his peak, and to celebrate he has signed a new four-year contract with Aston Villa.

At the age of 32 he feels that he is now making a big contribution to Villa's success and this is confirmed by manager Ron Saunders, who rates Rimmer as one of the top goalkeepers in the country at the present time.

He said: "I'm still enthusiastic enough to want to win some honour. This is why I'm confident that Villa will win something this season.
"If I hadn't this ambition then I would pack up the game here and go to

up the game here and go to ica to complete my playing America career."

********************* RANGERS have shelved a signing bid for Isak Refvik, the 22-year-old Norwegian striker who played for the Ibrox side in a friendly against

the Ibrox side in a friendly against Falkirk. Rangers lost 3-2. It was Refvik's second attempt to become a full-time player in Scotland. Last year he and fellow Norwegian, Svein Mathisen came to Edinburgh to play for Hibs. In his first game "Wee Isak" scored two goals. But he was later refused a work permit by the Department of Employment because, unlike Mathisen, he was not a full international. Both players then returned to Norway, since when Refvik has acquired two since when Refvik has acquired two full caps. *******************

NEWCASTLE'S talented young defen-der Peter Kelly can thank a few pieces of plastic for saving his soccer career. Peter tore the ligaments of his knee back in November 1978 — just when he was coming under review by Scotland boss Jock Stein.

boss Jock Stein.

His future looked bleak . . . until surgeons decided to use a revolutionary new technique of implanting plastic ligaments in the damaged knee. After the operation and a year out of football, Peter is back — and free from pain at

Newcastie boss Arthur Cox says:
"Peter has shown tremendous guts. He
has battled on when most players
would have called it a day."

Baldwin's comeback

FORMER Newcastle goalkeeper Kevin Baldwin was "fed-up and disillusioned" with football only a few months ago.

Baldwin quit the game after a row with ex-United manager Bill McGarry and took a salesman's job.

But, after three months on the outside he is desperate to try again.

And that is certain to interest Lincoln and Blackburn, who were chasing Baldwin when he first became unsettled at St James's Park.

Exeter are also interested in the six foot 'keeper, who says: "I realise now that

I was wrong to pack it in."
"That is why I've been training on my own in recent weeks to get back to full fitness. I've got something to prove to Newcastle."

GARY SHAW, Aston Villa's promising young forward, prefers to play away from home these days — because of the

from home these days — because of the barracking Villa Park fans.

He said: "I've lost my confidence playing at home. The fans have got on my back in recent games and they have really upset me in these matches. "They've got to realise that this is only my first full season in the team and I've already scored 12 goals. What more do they want?

they want?

"I'm working very hard at my game but I wish the fans would be a little more reasonable."

Manchester City's new striker Phil Boyer made his 500th League appearance in Southampton's 3-1 victory over Arsenal at The Dell on Tuesday, November 11th.

An emotional farewell for Tony Book when he finally passed through the gates at Manchester City for the last time.

The Supporters' Club presented him with an inscribed clock in recognition of his 15 years of service to the First Division club.

 Glentoran are hoping to arrange a glamour-game with Arsenal to mark their Centenary, next season. One potentially important and decisive factor could

prompt The Gunners to accept the Ovalites' invitation. You see, when Highbury supremo Terry Neill was a kid he was an out-and-out Glens' fanatic!

 Bradford's experienced
David McNiven was booked before he kicked a ball as a second-half substitute in the game against Stockport County. He had forgotten to get the referee's permission to run onto the pitch.

A broken ankle did not deter Tommy Caton from keeping in touch with Manchester City's first team. Propped up on crutches, Caton accompanied the team to Sunderland for a First Division game . . . and watched them lose 2-0.

"I kicked every ball, headed away every corner. It was agony watching them get changed for the game knowing that they would be

playing and I wouldn't," said Caton.

 Owen Willoughby (Trimdon), a Crystal Palace scout in the North-East for several years, has teamed up again with Terry Venables at Queens Park Rangers.

• Former England, Southampton and Hereford United footballer Terry Paine has re-established his links with football, this time as a manager.

Terry, now landlord of The Prince of Wales' in Portland Street, Cheltenham, has taken over the manager's job of the two Whitbread teams who compete in the Cheltenham League in addition to having responsibility for the Cheltenham Brussels Trophy side — the Whitbread inter-brewery cup.



POSH AND PROUD. The Peterborough Colts side which won the international October Festival Cup at Southend. The team play in the South Eastern Counties League for Under-17's. Back row (left to right) J. Tatman, A. Hufford, I. Hardy, R. Sutton, G. Brace, J. Jones, N. Wilson. Front row (left to right) M. Harvey, B. Huskisson, P. Kirby, D. Ward, I. Flawn. Jones, Wilson, Kirby, Ward, Hardy and Flawn are on schoolboy forms with Peterborough.





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HATEVER WHATEVER the coming months hold, Alan Mullery is confident that despite recent speculation about his future at the Goldstone Ground he will still be managing Brighton as a First Divi-

sion club next season.

"We should never be among the strugglers as we're a 50 per cent better side than last season. In fact if anyone had forecast that we would have conceded 35 goals in our first 19 matches and would be in the bottom three I would have thought they were mad.

"I certainly don't blame our back-four, and firmly believe that with people like Steve Foster, Jacob Cohen, Gary Williams, John Gregory, Gary Stevens and Mark Lawrenson our defence is as good

as any in the Division.

"A lot of our trouble has been that we lack concentration and tend to make the sort of mistakes which in this class of football are fatal," Mullery commented. With the same frankness Mullery

dismisses any ideas that after five years in the job he finds himself in a similar position as John Bond and Terry Venables at Norwich and Crystal Palace respectively.

'Suggestion'

"I've certainly got no intention of going to another club and any suggestion of this nature is totally

without foundation.
"I think the basic difference
between ourselves and clubs like Norwich and Palace is that we've managed to change our players.

'You've only got to look at our present side to see that there are about two survivors from the match against Newcastle when we won promotion 18 months ago.

"I certainly haven't had the same problem that John or Terry had of having the same players for any length of time and then finding myself unable to get any response

out of them.
"Where I've been lucky," Mullery stressed, "is in having a board of directors who share my philosophy of not hanging on to the

LEAVING BRICHTON?

says Alan Mullery



ABOVE: Jacob Cohen has added steel to Brighton's defence. BELOW: Brighton's performance at Arsenal was their best at Highbury so far says Mullery.

Despite persuading Andy Ritchie to leave Old Trafford, Mullery and his directors will obviously be blamed (if Brighton are relegated),

blamed (if Brighton are relegated), by the fans for selling Peter Ward to Nottingham Forest — a move which Mullery quickly defends. "It was an inevitable decision — especially after Peter's performances for us in the early part of the season. I certainly don't think his departure had anything to do with our had run.

our bad run.

"What I'm sure did contribute to it was the four match suspension of Neil McNab," Mullery pointed out. "He's a superb performer and the players who took his place were just not up to his standard."

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Twelve months ago, when Mullery was attributing Brighton's lack of success to Mark Lawrenson's injury, his inspired signing of Blackpool's long-serving defender Peter Suddaby on a free transfer played a big part in what proved to be a dramatic recovery.

With no money available to venture into the transfer market, Mullery was forced to re-sign Peter

lery was forced to re-sign Peter O'Sullivan for a nominal sum from San Diego Sockers in the hope that

history might repeat itself.

"Sully certainly made a difference when we played our bogey side Arsenal, and my policy now is to play as many of the experienced players rather than blooding the youngsters who might find it difficult when some people aren't playing as well as they should," Mullery explained.

Such is his everlasting optimism that Mullery still maintains there are more than three First Division

are more than three First Division clubs inferior to Brighton.

Encounters

Mullery's sentiments were echoed by Arsenal manager Terry Neill, who has now seen his side score 15 goals (without conceding any) against Brighton in the six encounters between the clubs since Brighton's arrival in the First Division last season.

"When we played them in

Division last season.

"When we played them in November it was the hardest game they've given us yet which I regard as a credit to Brighton. It was certainly a frustrating game from our point of view as we had to keep battling away to earn both points," was Neill's assessment.

And as if to back up the feeling that Albian have finally turned the

that Albion have finally turned the corner, they recently became the first team to beat Ipswich in a

League game, and followed this up with a 2-0 win at Wolves.

Although relegation is still a threat for Brighton, Alan Mullery will stay to the end to battle it out.





E came in for some criticism W after our performance against Switzerland in a World Cup match at Wembley and maybe this was only to be expected.

There's no doubt we allowed control of the game to slip away from us — to such an extent that the Swiss might even have pinched a draw at the finish. But I think it is essential that

those who watched the match — either at Wembley or on television keep the whole thing in pers-

The number one priority in every match is to win . . . and we did. And we created enough chances and pushed the ball around with enough authority in the first-half to

snough authority in the first-nair to suggest that not many teams in the world could have done better. I'm not trying to excuse our second-half display but these are statements of fact. And it is equally important to remember that we were without several regular players on the night and a few more were carrying injuries.

Matches like the one against

Switzerland can be particularly difficult for the players because not only are we expected to win but also win well.

And we have discovered over the years that it seldom works out this way. The likes of Switzerland almost inevitably raise their game by as much as 20 per cent when they come to Wembley and at international level, you very sel-dom get walk-over games. Obviously we were all very disappointed that we couldn't sustain our first-half quality throughout the entire 90 minutes and I'm certainly not trying to pretend that it was a wholly satisfactory perform-

But there were plusses — like the display of Bryan Robson in an unaccustomed role alongside Dave Watson. He did everything that was expected of him defensively and whenever the chance to go forward presented itself, he did so with conviction.

The experience will have been invaluable to him and there should not be too much need for despondency after a game in which England took an important step towards the World Cup Finals and helped produce a player to aid the

'Hutchanother Peters?

ONE of the big differences that John Bond will find as man-ager of Manchester City is that nowadays he won't necessarily have to say anything to make

During his time at Norwich, he

earned a bit of a reputation - and took a fair amount of criticism too
— for shouting his mouth off about certain subjects.

As well as being the kind of person who didn't mind airing his views about the game, I'm that at the back of his thoughts was the need to attract publicity to the club.

As a club Norwich are very similar in size and status to my former club Stoke and I know from my experience that you tend to be forgotten about at places like that.

I think Bond, along with his other qualities, realised the value of pub-licity and did his best to put Norwich on the footballing map in more ways than one.

Attention

But now that he is with a club like Manchester City, the attention — whether he likes it or not — will probably be on him all the time.

Like his predecessor Malcolm

Allison, he has hit the back pages of the newspapers with transfer stories and it was indicative of his attitude to the game that he went out and bought Tommy Hutchison

from Coventry.

Bond has attacking ideals and obviously felt that he needed someone of Tommy's type to get behind defences and create problems. Hutch is not a youngster but there is no doubt that he's got the skill and know-how that will help some of City's more inexperienced

players.

If he does as well as Martin
Peters did for Bond at Norwich, you won't hear many complaints from Maine Road.

'Morty deserved his chance'

READ recently that Peter Withe, an old team-mate of mine at Nottingham Forest, said he thought Aston Villa could "do" a Forest and win the First Division title.

And there is no doubt that the kind of start Villa have made gives them a chance of remaining at the top come the end of the season.

Although they are a fairly young side, they do have a lot of experience in key positions, starting in goal, where Jimmy Rimmer is one of the most respected 'keepers around . . . and has been for some

And in Dennis Mortimer, who holds things together in midfield, they have a player who has often been under-rated. It's funny how certain players only get the credit they deserve when their team is doing well and Dennis is one of the



Further forward Peter Withe knows, from his experiences with us, what it takes to win the Championship and if he is confident enough to think that Villa can do, then that will do for me.

But in addition to the players of experience, Villa also have some very good young talent and I've been particularly impressed with Gordon Cowans. For me he is one of the really top prospects around.

Change

The one question mark against Villa — and any Championship chasing side for that matter — is whether they can stay the pace when the grounds change.

whether they can stay the pace when the grounds change.
Grounds are beginning to get heavier now and a lot of teams who can play it around when the grass is lush, have problems when you are ankle deep in mud. Titlewinning teams have to adapt to all conditions . . . and that's the next test for Villa and the rest of us.

best examples of this. He has been under-rated for too long and deserved his selection as captain of England's B team against Australia at Birmingham.

Villa Park regulars will tell you that he's been playing well for a long time and, certainly when I've seen Villa, he's always impressed Jose William



1. No. 2. Yes. When I was refereing the recent match between Swindon and Rotherham I noticed John Trollope had been brought pack into the Swindon team. He said: "I hope you are not going to give too much advantage today because I don't think I can keep it up "I said: "John, knowing you as I do, you are as it as any of them."

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'My Dundee United sow domination of Connection' for Rangers, I v

S the Glasgow domination of Scottish soccer at an end? That's the question that has been asked more than once recently.

more than once recently.

On Saturday (December 6) the Scottish League Cup Final will be fought out for the second successive season without either Rangers or Celtic making up the numbers.

or Celtic making up the numbers.
And, of course, Aberdeen won the Premier Division title last season becoming the first team outside the Old Firm to do so since Kilmarnock won it way back in 1965 when yours truly was still at school.

Let me say here and now that I applaud the efforts of The Dons, because I honestly thought they wouldn't be able to live with the pressure that is constantly on either ourselves or the lads across Glasgow at Parkhead.

play in Saturday's Final. Both got through to this encounter fairly and squarely on merit.

squarely on merit.

But anyone thinking it's all over for Rangers and Celtic had better think again!

The Premier Division has been a great leveller in standards in Scotland. There is not so much mystery or aura surrounding Rangers or Celtic these days, simply because we are guaranteed at least four League games a season.

Simply, that means that a young

boy out of work who idolised such and such an Old Firm player can suddenly find himself rubbing shoulders with him in four matches. That certainly helps a boy become a man, I can tell you!

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I remember when I was a kid staying in Dundee. I trained with Dundee United on a spare bit of ground outside Tannadice.

We weren't allowed to play with the first-teamers, they were stars well outside our reach.

Then, when I was 16 after signing

for Rangers, I was suddenly in direct competition to these players. I recall playing against Doug Smith, who was then the Tannadice captain and defensive rock.

It was a marvellous thrill for me and I put everything into my game. The same thing is happening today to Rangers and Celtic.

But don't for one minute think I am complaining. I thrive on that responsibility, that extra challenge. If I couldn't I wouldn't be at Ibrox.

We might be onlookers on Saturday, but that will just add thrust and bite to our own game.

There is a feeling that you should

There is a feeling that you should be involved in these clashes and there is a let-down when you are not. But we are not entitled to play in Cup Finals just because we are Rangers and they are Celtic.













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FRONT ROW: Donnie McKinnon (physio), lan MacDonald, Donald Park, Dave McKinnon, Alex O'Hara, Tony Higgins, Brian Whittaker, Ken Watson, Jamie Doyle, Pat Quinne (coach).

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Punters were taking odds on Thistle even bothering to turn up, but they amazed the world by actually taking a four goal lead before half-time!
Celtic boasted players such as Jimmy Johnstone, Kenny Dalglish and Lou Macari that afternoon, but little Thistle, just promoted from the Second Division with a handful of individuals picked up from the Juniors and small fees from other clubs, did the 'impossible' and slaughtered their opponents.
Only Thistle could manage such an extravagant feat on such a grand scale. And that is the magic of this little club, who struggle to stay alive and compete with the glamour of their big-time neighbours.

kie Campbell, who merited a thoroughly deserved testimonial this year. "Everyone talks about Celtic and Rangers and we have to quietly go about our job at Firhill.

"I've no complaints, though. Everyone at this club knows what we are capable of and we are frightened of no one. "We've been a Premier Division club for the past five years and that one fact tells you how good we are. It's a tough League and it really separates the menfrom the boys.

"Thistle have stayed in the Top Ten while other so-called bigger clubs have fallen. Manager Bertie Auld left recently but we will survive."

Tony Higgins, bought last season for a bargain £35,000 from Hibs, is also delighted to be part of the set-up.

"Yes, it can be a bit of a strain at times," says long serving defender Jac-

"They are a friendly bunch and no one can say they do not provide entertainment. That's the name of the game at Firhill. We all want to survive, but we want to do so in style." he says.

Thistle's love affair with Glasgow's sporting public is guaranteed to flourish for years to come.

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DUNDEE UNITED manager Jim McLean had just watched his team fail to take an advantage against Celtic in the League Cup Semi-Final draw at Tannadice.

Yet McLean was still adamant that United, the holders of the trophy, would complete the job at Parkhead which had hardly been a happy hunting ground for his troops in the past.

"We are a better team than Celtic," he said at the time, showing remarkable composure and confidence. "I don't think they will improve enough for the second-leg in seven days time to beat us."

McLean's words echoed round Parkhead on a wet and windy Wednesday last month after

scottish

United had walloped Billy McNeili's side 3-0.
Today, as McLean prepares for the League Cup Final against City rivals Dundee at Dens Park on Saturday (December 6) he shows the same air of authority and confidence that should never be mistaken for complacency.
"I have said all along that we would fight to hold on to our trophy," he says. "The same goes now we are in the Final.
"We respect Dundee just as we do every opponent we come up

do every opponent we come up against. It is just another game to be played and won."

First Division Dundee, who

knocked out League Champions Aberdeen in the Quarter-Finals with a stunning goal from Cammy Fraser, are the clear underdogs, but that doesn't worry boss Donald Mackay, who took over the job from Tommy Gemmell at the

start of the season.

"We weren't expected to get past Aberdeen, either," he points out, "but we did. I'm not making any rash forecasts about this

game.
"I can only say that I am delighted for my players that we have reached this stage. I'm very

have reached this stage. I'm very proud of them.

"I will always remember their display against Ayr United in the Semi-Final when we lost two players just before the interval.

"Stewart McLaren and Erich Schaedler had to be stretchered off after a clash of heads and then we went a goal behind, but my lads still fought through to win 3-2 on the night and 4-3 overall.

"With that sort of courage we can beat any team."

It's ironic that Dundee boss Mackay is a former goalkeeper with United while United manager McLean is a former midfielder with Dundee!

However, there will be no mistaking their present loyalties on Saturday when the game starts and the players roar into one another with great gusto and verve on this historic occasion.

Cammy Fraser, who also scored a vital goal in the Semi-Final victory over Ayr, says: "I just can't wait for the game to start.

"At the beginning of the season I hadn't a clue as to what I would be doing at this stage of the term. I was with Hearts and feeling distinctly unsettled." tinctly unsettled.

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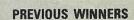
"When I was told Dundee had bid £60,000 for me I was delighted to talk to manager Donald Mackay

to talk to manager Donald Mackay and get my name on the forms. It really gave me a boost.

"Now I want to go all the way and get my hands on a winner's medal. Don't bet against it."

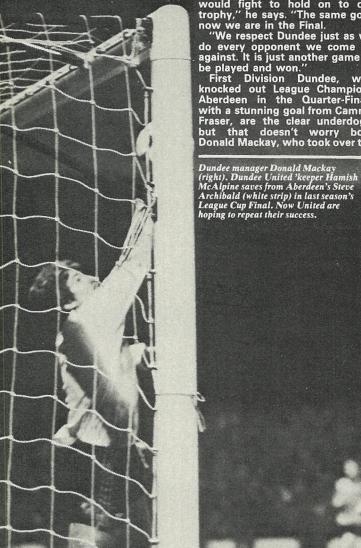
United won the trophy last season when two goals from Willie Pettigrew and one from Paul Sturrock beat Aberdeen in the replayed Final at Dens Park.

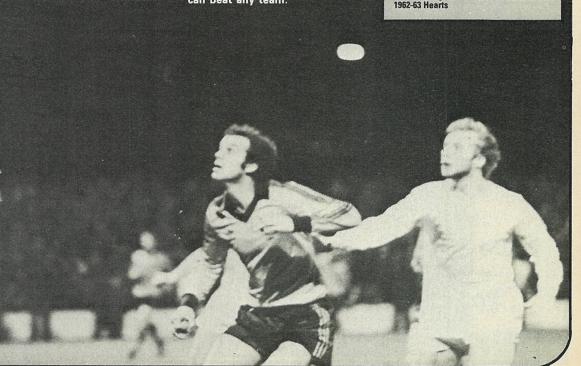
"A repeat of that form and the trophy will be staying exactly where it is at the moment ... Tannadice," says Pettigrew.



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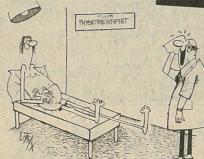
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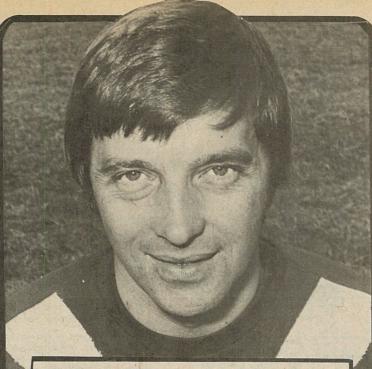
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City's manager Barry Lyons is making no promises but is confident that his club will finish in a respectable position in the Fourth Division.

And he claims that he is relishing the challenge of running a club, despite the pressures from people breathing down your despite

"It's a difficult job, because you've always got people making demands on you. Not only supporters, but you have the chairman

rers, but you have the chairman and directors to satisfy as well. "If you're getting the right results and you are winning then everybody's happy. If not, then everything is piled on your shoulders."

That is how Lyons has found his first manager's job since taking over at York last March from the

deposed Charlie Wright.

"Headaches there may be, but I'm enjoying it immensely," he

Lyons spent 17 years as a player, taking in Rotherham, Nottingham Forest, York and Darlington.

"Then came the job of youth team coach with York," he says. "I was still living in the city, so it was ideal for me.

'When Charlie got the sack I was asked to take over in a caretaker capacity. We were heading for the re-election zone with nine games

to play.
"We collected ten points during that spell and ended the season in 17th place. In fact, we did so well that I could experiment in our last match, against Crewe, because

there was no pressure to win.

"After that I was asked to take over permanently. I had no hesitation in accepting because the club wasn't in a bad state at all.

"Charlie Wright had done a good in but unfort the pressure of the pressure o

job, but unfortunately one or two results went against him just before he got the sack

1 was quite fortunate because I

inherited some good players."
At the end of last season Lyons released six players on free trans-fers and brought in six fresh faces. "It was a big turnover," he says. "I've got 21 pros and eight appren-

tices. so we've plenty to draw

'Excellent'

"It's a good set up and a smashing little ground with a capacity of 17,000. The pitch is excellent and

we're well organised.
"I'll admit that I'm still learning and I've a long way to go. But I'm no different from any other man-ager in expecting 100 per cent effort from the players.

"We play with two wingers and try to entertain our crowd at Bootham Crescent. If the results come good, then that's fine. We obviously need the points, but at home we like to think that we can attack.

"I'm not prepared to make any statement regarding promotion. It's too early even for guesses. What I will say is that we're very confident of doing well this sea-son, finishing in a reasonable position in the Fourth Division."







WHEN luck knocks on your door . . . grab it! That is the advice of John Lewis, Cardiff City's left-back, to all those youngsters seeking a career in football.

His two year surge from local League football to the fringe of the Wales World Cup squad stemmed from his own determination when a chance fell into his lap.

"The more I think about it, the more I come to appreciate how lucky I was," he says. "For six years I had been playing for a village side, Aberbargoed, in the Gwent Senior League. Then, purely as a 'one off' I was asked to turn out for Pontllanfraith in a

Welsh League match.
"It so happened that the game for which they needed my services was against Cardiff City. Their skipper at the time was Richie Morgan, now manager at the club.

"That game could have been against any one of the Welsh League clubs ... it was just my pure good fortune that it hap-pened to be Cardiff."

Morgan recalls: "I was an experienced campaigner, but every time I went to tackle John, he shot past

Tutoring

"He was the best player on the park: which was saying quite a lot because there were several of us in that side who had played Second Division football."

Now Morgan is tutoring Lewis towards a Wales cap. Although he is in only his second full season as a professional, his exceptional promise caused Wales manager Mike England to draft him into a World Cup training camp.

"We converted John into a leftback because we felt that he would be far more effective with all the game being played in front " says Morgan. "He has speed, loves to go forward and has all the qualities that you look for in a modern day full-back."

"I would love to get a cap," agrees Lewis. "I cannot begin to describe what a thrill I had when I walked into Lilleshall to be greeted by players like Terry Yorath, Brian Flynn, Leighton James and so many more that I had watched, John Lewis, making a big impression with Cardiff City.

admired and rather envied from the terraces. It was also a brilliant experience to work under Mike England.'

Turning professional was straightforward decision. became obvious that hard times were about to descend on South Wales industry, John had to make up his mind between the gamble of starting a football career at 22 or job security as a wages clerk for the British Steel Corporation.



"It might have seemed difficult for some: not for me," he states. "I had waited six years for those 90 minutes against Cardiff and I had all the motivation in the world to make a success of it.

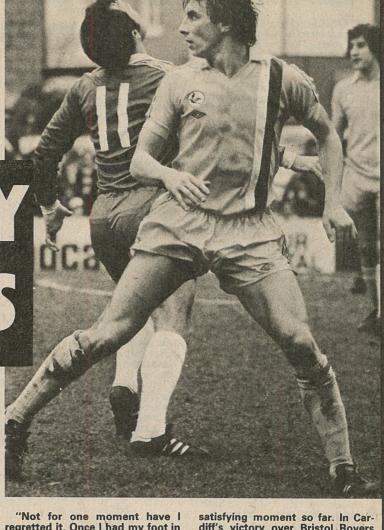
When I was 13, I was one of the many youngsters in South Wales hauled into the net of the Bristol Rovers scouting and coaching scheme. My heart was set on making a career in football and it came as a bitter blow when they told me at 16 that I was too small and not good enough.

"I drifted into local League football playing just for enjoyment . . but always there was this thought in the back of my mind of what-might-have-been. That thought suddenly became a challenge from out of the blue when I was asked to play that game for Pontilan"Not for one moment have I regretted it. Once I had my foot in the door at Cardiff, I knew I would make the grade - because going to the ground every day gave me the chance to continually impress the people who mattered. Now I spend hours there in extra training. I work on my crossing and on my defence because I've got a few years to catch up."

No prizes for guessing his most

satisfying moment so far. In Car-diff's victory over Bristol Rovers this season, Lewis plundered raid after raid along the left touchline and finally worked the well rehearsed corner which provided Keith Pontin with the space to

head in the winning goal.
"I had proved myself to myself. In that game I also proved it to the club which told me that I wasn't good enough!" he says.





NEMPLOYMENT is a dirty always will be, and it comes particularly hard to any man experiencing inactivity after years of sweat and toil.

A new chapter for BOO

Such a man is Tony Book. The sack from Manchester City did not exactly come as a surprise. After all the vultures had been gathering around him and Malcolm Allison for months, but even so the feeling that he no longer had to get out of bed in a morning and go to work was something of a shock to his

Book had got used to life at Maine Road. For the past 15 years he has been climbing the steps to reception, going down again to the dressing rooms and then trotting out on to the football pitch as player, coach and manager in turn to carry out the duties of the only love in his life - football.

Now happily employed as coach to Cardiff, he looks back on his

period of inactivity.

"I was a nine to five man at Maine Road, always at the ground because I believed the manager should be there to sort out all the problems.

'To keep in trim I went jogging every day, and could generally be found at a match in the evenings.

'Waiting'

"Obviously I was delighted when Cardiff's Richie Morgan offered me this job, because there's nothing worse than sitting around waiting for the phone to ring

Book and Allison will, of course, be remembered as failures - in recent history - but they can point to past successes should their references be questioned.

Tony was something of a phenomenon because he didn't even come into League football until the ripe old age of 28 with Plymouth. Then he joined Man-chester City as a player, and a good full-back he was too, captaining them to one success after another.

He was joint Footballer of the Year, and later as a manager experienced victory in a League Cup Final at Wembley again — he's still the only man to have taken the same club to League Cup victory as a player and again as manager.

Let's hope his new role at Ninian Park proves to be another successful chapter in the life of Tony Book.

nams RANK Worthington's recent goal-burst for Birmingham City

has helped The Blues over a shaky start to the season to a healthy position in the top half of the First Division.

But should the Birmingham strike-force suddenly hit a barren patch they know that Steve Lynex is waiting in the wings desperate for a chance to prove his worth once again.

Lynex was the man City boss Jim Smith turned to last season when a sudden goal-drought threatened to wreck City's promotion prospects, and Steve responded to his manager's call with eight invaluable League goals to maintain the momentum at St.

"It's a frustrating situation," says Lynex. "As long as Frank and Keith Bertschin are getting the goals, I know I will be left on the bench. Everybody at the club is eager to maintain our good start, and I hope I can play a big part in that success."

Competition

Lynex, 22, and one of five strikers in contention for a first team spot along with Worthington, Bertschin, Don Givens and Tony Evans, knows that the competition for a first team place could not be tougher.

Keith Bertschin and Frank Worthington are having a good run and scoring every week, and now people are calling them class strikers, which they are.

"Bertschin scored regularly last season and I think he's just been a shade unfortunate this term. If he'd put away half the chances he's been having, then he'd be in the England team now.

The effort and willingness are both there, but not the luck, and that's what's missing."
Lynex, born in West Bromwich,

began his career with his home

town club, but after four years at The Hawthorns, Johnny Giles gave him a free transfer. Strangely enough, when Giles left for Shamrock Rovers, he took Lynex with him. During a spell of 24 games and,

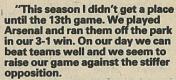
after a conversion from centre-half and winger, he was tried up front where he scored 16 goals.

For family reasons he returned to the Midlands and in January, 1979, arrived at St. Andrews.

"I came on loan initially," he says, "and after a spell in the reserves I played my first League game against Manchester City and scored.
"I appeared against

Queens Park Rangers in the final game of the season and just after that Jim Smith paid Shamrock £8,000 for me.

Last season I made 22 appearances in all competitions and scored nine times. I was also on the sub's bench on 18 . occasions.



Ipswich came to St. Andrews in the League Cup and we beat them 2-1. Then we beat Forest 2-0, and Frank Worthington was superb that night.

"I'm very happy at Birmingham, but it is disheartening when you're not in the team. Nobody has a divine right to a first team spot and, when I get in, I've got to make more use of it and try to keep the others out.

"I'm five foot seven inches tall, but I don't consider size a handicap because I'm not a target man. In fact, the big defenders don't like the little men around because we're harder to play against.

"Running off the ball and being able to nip past the defence are my strong points. I'm after as many goals as I can get. I wouldn't like to put a figure on it or set myself a target.

"I don't mind who I play alongside. Last term it was Bertschin; this time it's Worthington. It's a question of adjusting to different styles.

'I think the Blues will rise slowly. There aren't many sides which have looked better than ours. Teams come to St. Andrews and they know we are hard to beat.

"We should be higher up the table with the goals we've missed and those we should have kept out. It's a matter of putting it together. Once the goals do start to go in, then Birmingham City will be a team to watch."





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UR special report (1st November issue) on The Good Side of Soccer — in which we gave deserved praise to Britain's genuine fans, model professionals and charity workers - apparently aired the views of so many of our

They felt, as SHOOT did, that publicity of some of the better aspects of our football was long overdue.

In South Yorkshire people are, it seems, particularly aggrieved that their good name has been blackened by their hooligan

So SHOOT decided to pay a quick visit to the area and came away with an even stronger impression that there is so much to be proud of in our game.
At Sheffield United, where the

fencing had to be erected after a pitch invasion 18 months ago, club secretary Dick Chester spoke enthusiastically about their 'reformed' supporters.

"Up to now, no United supporter has been ejected from the ground or arrested this season. That's a great move in the right direction. After all, football serves as a magnet to the community. It attracts kids who we would like to see follow the club right through until they are pensioners. "It's good for the 200 people

who are needed to run the club on match days. It's good for newspapers, pubs and clubs and business generally. Being aware of this and of the high unemployment in the district, we have introduced family concessions with discount of a



Sheffield United's Martin Peters is aware of his responsibilities towards the fans.

autograph, Derek Ward. Despite the curvature of the spine with which he was born, he travels all over the country with his mother and father, Doreen and Victor, who told us about the tremendous co-operation they receive from every club.

Derek collects autographs. "I've found that every player and personality in the game is willing to stop and sign. No matter who they are they have all got time to spare for you," he said.

When we pressed him, Derek admitted that his favourite person was Tommy Docherty. "Once he came out of the club, the coach engine was running, they were late, and yet he insisted on stopping and having a word with me. He said if ever I have any difficulty in getting to see a team he manages to let him know and he would personally make all the

Derek Dalton, a polio victim but one of the most enthusiastic followers of the game in the country.

third so that fathers can afford to accompany and stay with their youngsters."

Martin Peters popped into the office and had this to say: "Right throughout the game I have found that players have answered appeals from the public to give prizes, visit the sick, visit schools and generally act as good

ambassadors.
"I don't know what their wives think about it but I'm talking about players willing to do this on their days off! I don't think staff and players get the credit they deserve for this

SHOOT'S next visit was to Sheffield Wednesday. In dreadful weather the soaked fans banned from the terraces because of the Oldham incident — were singing their favourite song 'Singing the blues' and cheering on their hero, Terry Curran, who has recorded the number. He scored a terrific goal and later, as he left the ground, stopping to sign an autograph and have a word with Derek Ward, a 15-year-old spina bifida victim, he spoke about his relationship with the fans in Sheffield.

"It's very important," he said "to get through to the public . . . to meet them off the park. They can make or break you."

In answer to our questions, he told us that his fan club was doing superbly. "Over 1,000 people have joined. When my record came out it was sold out in six days and we have produced another 1,000."

We had a word too with the lad to whom Terry gave the

arrangements!

Over at Rotherham United we spoke to the President of the Rotherham Supporters Club, Derek Dalton.

Derek is 33 and has been following the team for 26 years. He must be Britain's Number One supporter.

From the age of two, polio has compelled him to sleep in an iron lung. If he catches a cold he must stay in the lung until the infection is cleared. Yet he travels 5,000 miles in a van every year following Rotherham

Memories

In reward he has a fund of memories of the kindnesses shown him by managers, players and friends. The great Pele had time for him after his club Santos had played Sheffield Wednesday some years ago. He treasures his photo taken with Pele.

Many players have stopped by his house to spend hours talking to him. Lawrie McMenemy is a particularly good friend and has invited Derek to his clubs (Grimsby and Southampton) and his home.

In mentioning Tommy Docherty and Lawrie McMenemy — we could have named many more well known personalities in the game — and their kindness to the less fortunate, we are showing just a tiny part of the goodness we discovered in South Yorkshire.

 If any readers have good stories about football, then let us know. Write to 'Good Side of Soccer', SHOOT MAGAZINE, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS and we will print a selection of replies. £5 for every letter published!



HERE'S something about Liverpool which mystifies many people — and this week I'm going

to supply the solution.
"Why," they ask, "are talented players in Liverpool Reserves players who could move on to hold regular places in other clubs' first teams - content to slog away in Central League football in the hope of getting a chance to break into the Liverpool senior side?"

It's simply because when they join us, as apprentices or on transfer, it's on the understanding their burning ambition in life is to wear a Liverpool first team shirt. Every one is unshakeably convinced he's becoming part of a club second-tonone in Britain, and probably Europe, too, and fervently aims to play a part in adding to its great tradition.

They believe that when our former legendary manager, Bill Shankly, said: "There are only two teams on Merseyside — Liverpool and Liverpool Reserves!" he didn't go far enough.

Our strength in depth, which enables us to replace first teamers either injured or out of form, is the envy of other clubs, and a big factor in our success story spread over the

past two decades.

It's very rare the management agree to release a reserve to another club, and then it's usually because it's felt he's unlikely to make the grade at Anfield.

Just being part of the Liverpool set-up keeps our reserves happy, with every one of them dreaming of

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the day when he's granted that golden opportunity to step out on to a pitch in a first team strip.

Financially, they are at least as well-paid as players in the lower Divisions, and probably take home as much as some in the First.

Liverpool players are a special breed. Not only because they have a command of the basic skills, they must have the capacity to dedicate themselves to learning to play in our particular style, based on team play.

There are no prima donnas at

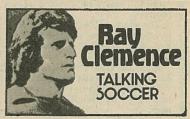
'lan Rush has the right, unselfish attitude'

Anfield. The club comes before any individual, even if he's an international star, a household name.

On the other hand, we're not treated like robots or forbidden to express ourselves on the field or off. We're on trust not to do or say anything that could harm the club and so damage its reputation and standing.

Another requirement in a Liverpool player's make-up is fighting spirit. He's expected to give every-thing, in training and for every





minute of a game from first to last whistle. This was particularly exemplified a few seasons back, at a time Kevin Keegan was playing for us, when we won an incredible number of games with last-gasp goals, some scored in the 89th minute. We did it again against Aston Villa recently.

Even though the odds are loaded against a youngster graduating from the apprentices to the top grade, there's no shortage of recruits.

Such is the pull of Liverpool, they prefer to join us despite knowing their prospects are greater at other clubs.

Because the pressure is con-stantly on us through being in-volved in so many competitions, we're seldom able to grant a "home grown" reserve an extended run of something like ten games to prove whether he's good enough.

There's less risk involved in buying players already groomed in





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League football - generally with lower Division clubs - such as myself, Kevin Keegan and Phil Neal, or occasionally established stars like Kenny Dalglish and Ray Kennedy. Currently, the only graduates from the Liverpool "school" are

Phil Thompson, out of action with a fractured collar bone; Sammy Lee, who came in for Jimmy Case at the back end of last season and has fitted in so well that Jimmy is finding it difficult to regain his place; Colin Irwin, Howard Gayle and David Fairclough.

Phil, a former Koppite who once stood on our famous terraces with his mates, has also established himself as an England regular.

He's always full of life, and constantly cracking jokes; in contrast to Sammy, who is quiet, unassuming and difficult to know.

Sammy has modelled himself on lan Callaghan, his hero, and is intensely dedicated. Always early for training, he's the first stripped off and out on to the pitch at Melwood, our training ground, straight into the day's routine.

Sammy is living proof that small players can succeed. Shorter than Kevin Keegan, he can still jump incredibly high for a ball, even getting on the end of many of my misdirected goal-kicks!

One of his great strengths is his accurate passing. But he's so modest that when someone fails to collect one of his inch-perfect passes he'll apologise and even blame himself for not delivering the ball with the lace the right way round!

Colin Irwin began as a part-timer, and while playing for the "A" and reserve teams, wisely took the precaution of learning a trade. As a qualified electrician he has something to fall back on if he should fail to succeed or when his playing career ends.

Coming in as a substitute for Alan Kennedy last season, he proved himself capable of playing First Division football before being injured in a League game against Stoke City. Now, due to that injury which I unfortunately inflicted on Phil Thompson in the 2-2 draw with Crystal Palace in November, he has the opportunity to consolidate

Up-front there's Howard Gayle, a young coloured lad with a style similar to David Fairclough. Both are capable of scoring goals — Davey, in fact, will always be remembered for the one that beat St. Etienne in a memorable Euro-

pean Cup-tie at Anfield if they have a fault, tend to be too individualistic.

Howard was once on loan with Fulham, where he played with Richard Money, transferred in dur-ing the close season and now in competition for the left-back spot.

Richard's fierce determination to make good is illustrated by his tremendous competitiveness, his will to win, even in reserve games watched by only 500 or so fans.

Another rival for the number three shirt is Avi Cohen, the Israeli

'Sammy Lee master of the inch-perfect pass'

international, whose natural game is to attack and go past people with the ball. Where he must improve is in the defensive aspect, particularly

important in away games where we come under pressure.

Ian Rush was bought from Chester, and has played this season in the First Division. Ian changes next to me for training, and if he said more than a dozen words in a week I'd be surprised. A big lad, he's extremely quiet, which I suspect is a sign he's still overawed at being in the company of men who have achieved so much in the game.

I know the feeling well. I had it when I first joined Liverpool as a virtual "unknown" from Fourth Division Scunthorpe United in 1967.

According to my close friend, Roy Evans, who runs the reserve team, lan is not yet scoring goals at the same rate as he did at Chester, but is more involved in laying them on for others. This can be an indication of the right, unselfish attitude.

Championship

If talent in reserves is the decisive factor in deciding who takes this season's Championship, then the trophy will definitely stay in its Anfield showcase!

This Saturday we entertain a London side, Spurs, having their best

season for years.

Anfield has never been a happy hunting ground for them. But now that their superb midfield have Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald to fire the ammunition they supply, Spurs will be a tougher proposition than in past seasons.

Their 3-0 win over Nottingham Forest at the City ground ranks as

one of the biggest shocks so far.
This could be a high-scoring affair. As long as we get the lion's share of the goals, we'll be happy!

Lan Clemons

ON THE BALL

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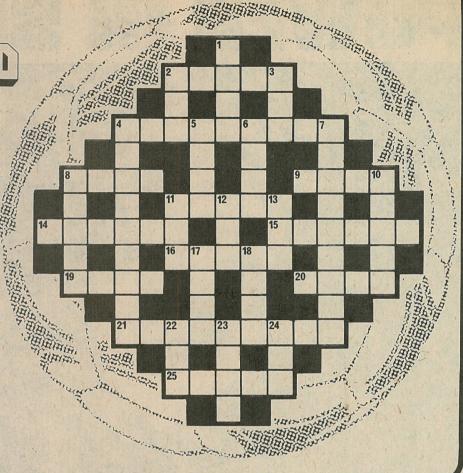
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 (4) Manchester City midfield player. (4 & 5)
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Now it's Cheers NOT Jeers for Godden

THE number one Tony Godden wears on his jersey now signifies a lot more than just his position in the West Bromwich Albion team.

For the Albion goalkeeper has broken The Hawthorns' club record for consecutive appear-ances — 182 set in the 50's by

Jimmy Dudley.

Statistics can be made to prove anything. And in Godden's case they certainly do, because the likeable Londoner now has figurative proof that he has finally "arrived"

Remarkably, it has only been this season that Albion fans have stopped their moaning about Godden — and accepted him as one of the country's most consistent

Which has come as quite a relief for Godden. Because no matter how well he played, he seemed to be battering his head against a

He admits: "There were times that I thought I would never be accepted by the Albion fans. Every time we conceded a goal it seemed

"It was tough just facing them sometimes, and I had a constant battle to keep lifting my confi-

'Criticised'

"Of course I've been helped by manager Ron Atkinson. He has never publicly criticised me and week after week he has shown everybody that he has faith in me by keeping me in the side.

have to admit that I have made some blunders. Like the time two years ago when we were facing Liverpool and as I rolled the ball out Kenny Dalglish nipped in to score. That was a nightmare,

but it has never happened since.
"I have worked hard on my game and I honestly think I have improved considerably. Concentration is one of the most important factors in a goalkeeper's make-up and maybe it is because I have made a conscious effort to ignore the criticisms from the crowd that I have improved a great deal."

Godden equalled Jimmy Dudley's record in the big Midlands derby with Aston Villa comment-ing; "It was a great honour to do so, but the major thing running through my hand was the fact I have proved my consistency to

everybody.
"Now we'll see how far I can take it. But one thing is for sure — I won't be taking any chances with injuries just to maintain the record.

So far I've been very lucky, but I would never play with a bad injury just to keep my place. My own self respect and my feelings for West Brom wouldn't allow me to. But



Jimmy Dudley

Tony Godden (right) and Jimmy Rimmer (above), 'keepers helping their clubs at the top of the League.

when the time eventually does come as it must I know I'll feel choked."

Meanwhile another goalkeeper who proved his consistency a long time ago has just signed a new four-year contract. He is Aston Vil-

four-year contract. He is Aston Villa's 31-year-old Jimmy Rimmer.
Rimmer has played with Manchester United and Arsenal, but he says: "My time with Villa has been my most enjoyable, though the days of playing with George Best at Old Trafford are unforgettable.
"A lot of people ask me which is the best side. Well, United had a bunch of individuals. Best. Charl-

bunch of individuals. Best, Charlton and Law among them. They could be brilliant, though you could never guarantee the whole thing would come off.

"But at Villa we are all solid grafters, and the harder we work the nearer we get to the exciting brilliance of that United team. think we have the right formula at Villa Park and I honestly think we can keep going to win the title."



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This week's Star Letter comes from Finbarr O'Shea of Bantry in Co. Cork, who wins a special SHOOT T-shirt. He writes:

QUALITY EIRE

What do the Republic of Ireland have to do to gain the recognition they deserve? In a recent issue, the

they deserve? In a recent issue, the article on Mark Lawrenson and Chris Hughton implied, maybe unintentionally, that England were superior to the Republic and their squad stronger. While we don't have the quantity of England, we do, most certainly, have the quality. You said that "if Hughton and Lawrenson had waited for a chance to play for England they may never to play for England they may never have been called upon to claim a regular place".

There is no central defender in Britain who would win a place ahead of David O'Leary or Lawrenson. The tone of your article was that it's a greater honour to play for England than the Republic. Rubbish. In our last four games we have beaten the 1978 World Cup Finalists, drawn with the 1980 European Championship Finalists, lost to France, one of the most exciting teams in the world, and put six past

Cyprus.

And in that game against France, we played more attacking football than England have ever played under Ron

 The article said a player would get more recognition internationally play-ing for England than the Republic, not that it was a greater honour. And like it or not, the Republic have never reached a major Finals. Many fine players they may have, but my money's on Belgium and France to qualify from that group for the '82 World Cup Finals.



Mark Lawrenson has made a great success of his international chance with

Unfair Clem

I CANNOT understand why Ray Clemence, in two of his columns, should criticise Coventry for their home match against Liverpool.

First, Ray did not even see the game, yet speaks as if he actually played. Second, it was Liverpool who were jeered off the pitch because, as Clemence admits, they were content to defend. They did this for the last 15 minutes by continuous back-passing.

The claim by Clemence that they

were not match fit is as ridiculous as the one given by Bob Paisley the previous year when Liverpool lost — he claimed that Coventry's pitch, in the middle of winter, was too good!

KEVIN HOMER,

ALLESLEY.

 Liverpool rarely say the opposition deserved what they got — unless Liverpool won!

Football gets the point

I WAS interested in the agreement at the Solihull seminar that there should be a new points system of three points

for a win and one point for a draw.

I decided to look through some past
First Division tables to see if different
teams would have won the title had

I found that since the War only in 1974-75 would the outcome have been different, Ipswich would have won the

Championship instead of Derby.

With movement between the First and Second Divisions I found more differences. In the past five seasons these

are: 1975-76 — Bolton would have been promoted instead of Bristol City.

1977-78 -

City.
Sunderland would not have been relegated, Coventry instead.
Q.P.R. would have been relegated instead of West Ham. Brighton would have been promoted instead of Spurs.
Sunderland would have been promoted instead of Crystal Palace, the actual Champions of the Second Division! 1978-79 -Division!

Last season - Chelsea would have been promoted instead of Birmingbeen ham.

I feel teams should have more incentive to win and I hope the League officials agree to the recommendation and bring in the new system for the start of the 1981-82 season.
RICHARD MULLARKEY,
DONCASTER.

Perhaps there is a case for any change being tried in the lower Divisions initially to see how things go.

Scotland's future

HAVING watched Scotland's attempts to land the World Cup since 1954, I cannot share the enthusiasm that all will be well in 1982.

Scotland is still hide-bound to players

who have served their apprenticeship with Celtic or Rangers. But there is every indication that a new club policy is being introduced.

Witness the number of teenagers helping to keep football alive. For economic reasons most will find their way to England, but in my view this is

way to England, but in my view this is preferable to stagnation at home where gates are low as a rule and football needs atmosphere.

The Scottish game is enjoying a renaissance. The younger players of today will reach maturity by 1986. Experience has shown that to succeed at European or world level a team generally.

erally has to average an age of about 26.

Scots may look forward to this, an era when the Kenny Dalglishs, Danny McGrains, Sandy Jardines, Derek Johnstones is over

stones is over.

In their places are breaking through young lads of true world-class. Most clubs have them.

East Fife, after selling six, have a healthy balance sheet. St Johnstone are getting along nicely without last season's First Division top scorer.

Aberdeen seem to have so much money that they don't know what to do with it. That covers three Divisions.

Yes, Scottish football has great days ahead; but these times will come mainly because of the influence of young players, shining examples to their supporters throughout the countries of the statement of the sta try, in every town and village.
ALEC YOUNG

PERTH.

• Maybe someone like Charlie Nicholas will establish himself as an international by 1982.

Men who came back

RARELY do players or managers have two separate successful spells with the same club. Denis Law and Malcolm Allison are two names that spring to mind, being a shadow of their former selves when rejoining Manchester City. How good it is, therefore, to see Jimmy Sirrel making his second spell at Notts County even more successful.

Notts County even more successful than his first, while Derek Hales is back

amongst the goals with Charlton.

If Kevin Hector can find his scoring touch again for Derby it will really be the season of men who came back.

DIANE MASON, ESSINGTON.

 And if Malcolm Macdonald can get Fulham back on the rails he will do his club as good a turn as he did with his



Derek Hales, scoring regularly in his second spell with Charlton Athletic.

Pompey fans best

BEST fans in the land? Surely they must be Portsmouth's. There were 15,000 at Anfield for the League Cup tie against Liverpool and even the Liverpool players admitted it was like playing

players admitted it was like playing away from home.

It isn't just the glory games we see, either. Of 13,963 at Bournemouth 9,000 were from Pompey; of 11,989 at Aldershot, we had 8,000 travelling while 7,500 went to Northampton.

The club's average home gate is 15,000, higher than some teams in Division Two. Fratton Park sees very little crowd trouble.

A POMPEY FAIN

A POMPEY FAN
(Name and address supplied).

• A successful Pompey in a higher Division would attract gates of 25,000 and in Division One the sky's the limit.

Pen-Pal

I'M a 17-year-old Malaysian boy and I'd like pen-pals in Britain and other European countries.

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John Bond

Can you tell me something about John Bond's career as a player?

MICHAEL CORBETT, NORFOLK

Like so many successful managers,

■ Like so many successful managers, Michael, the Norwich boss was a West Ham man much of his playing-days. He spent his last four seasons with Torquay, but the previous 14 — 1951-52 to 1964-65 inclusive — he was appear-ing in The Hammers' League side; win-ning an F.A. Cup-winners medal in 1964, and 'a Second Division Championship medal six years earlier

medal six years earlier.

In all, he played 510 League games —
380 of them for West Ham. And,
although a defender, he slammed home
43 goals.

No goals

What is the highest number of consecu-tive F.A. Cup-ties any club has played without conceding a goal?

TIM WHITE, COTTINGHAM

Bradford City — who won the Cup in 1911 by beating Newcastle 1-0 in the Final — take that honour, Tim. Including replays, they went 12 games with no goals-against in the 1910-11 and 1911-12 seasons.

One-arm ref

My father tells me he remembers a Football League referee not long after the War who had only one arm. Who

TANG WENG FOO, SINGAPORE

He was Alf Bond, Tang — and a jolly good ref he was, too.
 He'd lost an arm in an accident at work, but in no way did the handicap in running affect his control of a game.
 He was a familiar figure in soccer around the 1950's, and popular with players and fans alike.

SHORT PASSES

 Great Britain won the soccer Gold Medal in the Olympic Games of 1908 (in London) and 1912 (in Stock-

(MARK HARTLEY, Devizes)

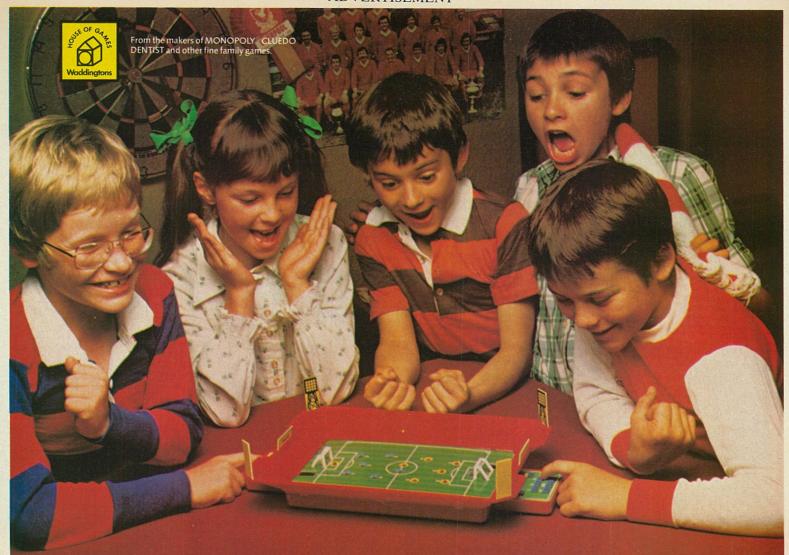
Jimmy Greaves is Tottenham's record aggregate League scorer — 220 goals between 1961 and 1970. (CRAIG SMITH, Morpeth)

The Manchester United side which beat Benfica 4-1 in the 1968 European Cup Final was: Stepney, Brennan, Dunne, Crerand, Foulkes, Stiles, Best, Kidd, Charlton, Sadler,

(YAUNIS TOLMAKIDIS, Greece)

Bury won the F.A. Cup in 1900 (beating Southampton 4-0), and in 1903 (beating Derby 6-0). (PETER WILLIS, Truro)

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In the two player game, you sit at opposite ends of the stadium, each player operating a set of buttons hidden from your

then the defending player presses two buttons in an attempt to intercept and start a counter-attack.

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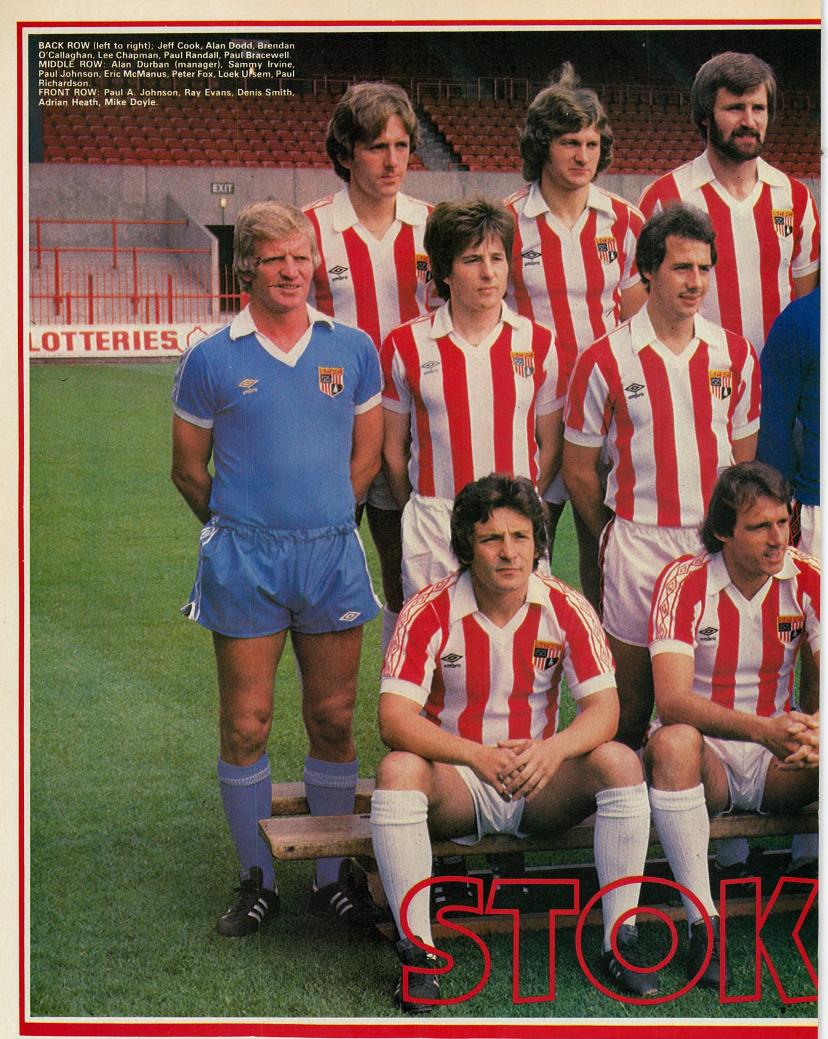
time-wasting, and you could be penalised for shooting from too far out.

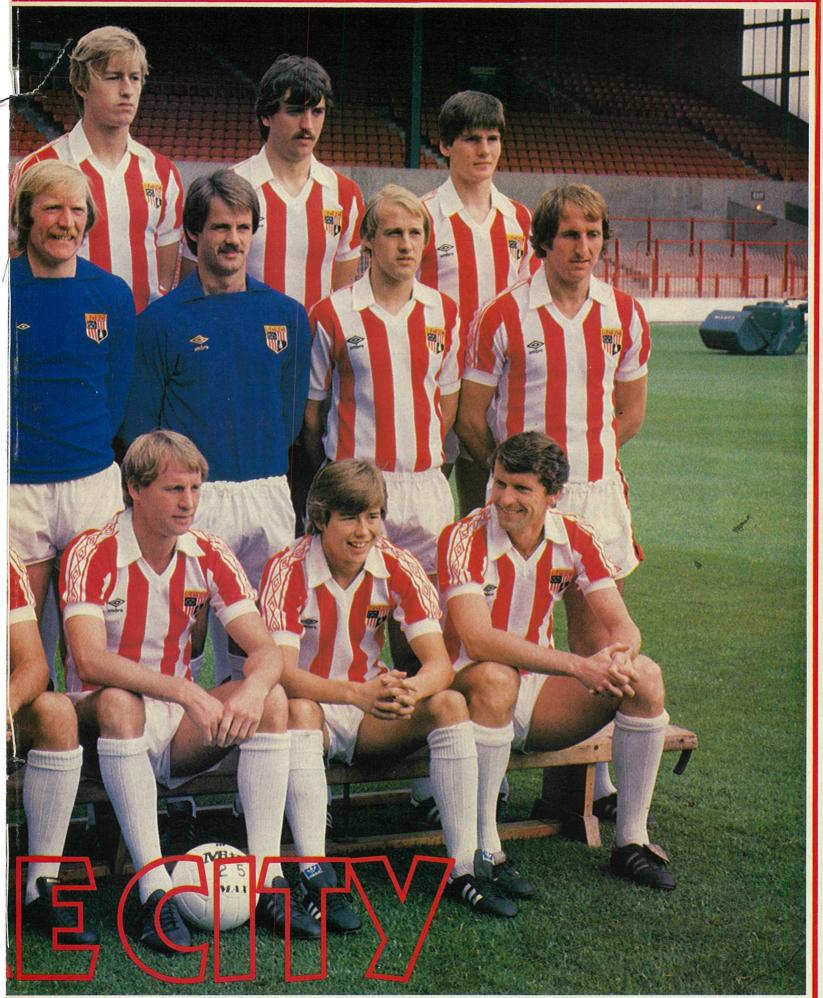
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CLICOT

STOKE

ing day of the season and two weeks later crashed 5-0 at Nottingham Forest. Scarcely one tenth of the season had been played but already the critics were cocking their ears for the first sounds of a death rattle at the Victoria Ground.

It never came, but those two massive defeats have combined to fool the public into believing that they are struggling.

Defeat at Forest was followed by exciting victories against Leeds United, Manchester City and



misconceptions is why so many football fans firmly believe that Stoke City are struggling to avoid relegation.

Ask the average supporter in the street the question "Who's going down at the end of the season?" and they will offer the names of Brighton, Palace, Leicester, Norwich and poor old Stoke as candidates for Season Division dates for Second Division status next season.

The truth is that the "corpse" most critics were prepared to bury without ceremony this season is very much alive and kicking in the heart of the soccer-proud Black Country

For those still doubting their right to a foothold in a Division reputed to be the best in the world, it should be recorded that Stoke City are lying in a comfortable mid-table position, looking towards Villa, Ipswich and Liverpool at the top rather than glancing nervously back at Palace, Leicester and the rest fighting for their lives at the bottom.

Outstanding

But they have not arrived in that healthy position without much effort and soul searching from their manager Alan Durban, perhaps best remembered for his outstanding displays for Derby County and Wales in the 60's.

Durban has hoisted the club to a osition of respectability on very limited resources. It continues to amaze people that the club had the courage to fork out a record £325,000 to Leicester City for Peter Shilton way back in November, 1974 when they would be hard pressed to write a cheque for that sum on a transfer deal six years

So Durban had to steer the club through a particularly difficult pas-sage at the start of the season when an injury list of Red Cross proportions must have tempted him to retrieve his own boots from a dusty corner of his loft at home

for a bit of the action. Stoke hit rock bottom in losing 1 away to Norwich on the open-

HONOURS

Second Division Champions: 1932-33, 1962-63. Runners-up: 1921-22. Promoted to First Division: 1978-79. Division Three (N) Champions: 1926-27. League Cup winners: 1971-72. F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists: 1899, 1971, 1972.

Last season's record: First Division: 18th. F.A. Cup: Third Round. League Cup: Third Round.



The Amsterdam-born player scored four goals in as many games and did as much as any-body to lift the club's morale. The form of the Dutchman, who started his career with AZ Sportlaan and played seven games for Stoke last season, did much to heal the wounds prompted by the departure of star striker Garth Crooks to Tottenham.

Durban signed Paul Maguire, a Glasgow-born forward who made almost 150 appearances for Shrewsbury Town, Ray Evans, a £120,000 buy from Fulham, who played 40 League games for Stoke last season, and Peter Hampton, captured from Leeds United, have

helped give the defence backbone. The Stoke manager has shuffled his defence in search of the right combination. Former striker Brendan O'Callaghan, Alan Dodd, Mike Doyle, David McAughtrie and local born Dennis Thorley have all been employed at the back this season.

Other places have been con-Lee Chapman, Maguire, injured for much of this season, Adrian Heath, Jeff Cook, Paul Randall, Kevin Sheldon and Paul Johnson.

Ray Evans, in his second season at the club after giving outstanding service to Tottenham, Millwall and Fulham, believes the club, nestling happily in the heart of the Potteries, is better than people

give it credit for.
"We did have a few problems earlier," he admits, "but much of the reason for that was the spate of injuries we had.

Stoke manager Alan Durban has spent well in the transfer market to assure First Division safety for the

"When you're relatively injury free it means a settled pattern can emerge and that's what's hap-pened with us.

'We've had a few good results and we look much more like a team than we did earlier this season."

If Ursem stole the headlines in late August and September, Lee Chapman grabbed them in October and November.



Once loaned to Plymouth Argyle to boost their flagging fortunes, Chapman has become one of the First Division's most dangerous spearheads. Norwich are still smarting from his whirlwind hattrick against them, and the goal he scored against Liverpool in Stoke's 2-2 League draw at the Victoria Ground is one of the most impor-

tant he has scored in his career.
Almost 23,000 fans watched
Stoke's game against Liverpool. Twenty five thousand turned up at the Victoria Ground for the game against Manchester United, but the visits of such clubs as Norwich (11,000), Brighton (13,000) and Middlesbrough (11,000) resulted in large, empty spaces on the ter-

Stoke City's valiant effort to recapture the glory they enjoyed under Tony Waddington deserves better support than they are receiving.



Loek Ursem, the Dutchman who has become a firm favourite at the club.

IKE most Scottish footballers,
Barnsley's Ronnie Glavin is happiest when he's on the attack.

And it's this flair for pushing

forward - plus an inbuilt talent for scoring goals - which has made him one of the most feared midfield players in the Third Division.

I've got to be good at some-

thing, as I'm the worst defender in the world," he jokes. This friendly, 27-year-old Glaswegian easily topped Glaswegian Barnsley's scoring list last season

— his first with the Yorkshire club as the Oakwell team consolidated their new-found status in a higher sphere.

His 20 goals continued the scor-ing habits he formed with Partick Thistle and Celtic in his native

Scotland.

Glavin, who cost Barnsley a mere £25,000 the summer before last when Allan Clarke was manager, began his career as a for-

'I'm the world's worst defender'

jokes Barnsley's Ronnie Glavin

ward. He explains: "Perhaps my thirst for going forward dates from that time.

"Whatever the reason I seem to have the knack of being in the right place at the right time and I like to believe that I'm pretty effective doing that."

Modestly overlooking the fact that he scored 34 League goals for Partick and 36 for the famous Celtic club, he says that probably the tently for Barnsley is that "English defenders don't expect midfield men to burst through.
"In Scotland there is a greater

emphasis on individual talent and running from deep positions, but there is a lack of organisation.
"That's the big difference be

tween the two countries at club level," he says. "I'm delighted with the game down here.

"I bless the day Allan Clarke and his deputy, Martin Wilkinson, who are now together at Leeds, talked

Hunter, is as ambitious as Clarke and I reckon that with average luck we'll be in the Second Division next season.

Glavin has only one regret about his life in football: the fact that he has played for Scotland only once. And he was injured in the first two minutes!

"I stayed on for the rest of the game — it was against Sweden at Hampden in the late spring of 1977," he recalls, "but the injury kept me out of Scotland's summer tour, which was the build-up to the following year's World Cup, and I never got back into the squad.

To rub salt into the wound, I was also sidelined for Celtic's Scottish Cup Final appearance so I missed a Cup-winner's medal as

But all that is a thing of the past. Ronnie Glavin is young enough to face a bright future with ambitious



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GOLDEN SHOES FOR EUROPES TOPSTRIKERS

RWIN VAN DEN BERGH, the 21-year-old striker from S.V. Lierse, received the coveted Adidas Golden Shoe award for the top striker in Europe last season at a glittering ceremony in Paris recently.

Erwin is the youngest player to win the award and the first from a Belgian

He gained a regular place in his club's first team towards the end of the 1978-79 season and made a name for himself as a striker with 14 goals. Last season he totalled 39, which included three hat tricks and six in one

match.

Erwin is a Belgian international and played in this year's European Championship in Italy.

Second in the awards was LASZLO FAZEKAS of Ujpest Dosza and Hungary

with 36 goals

During a long career with Ujpest, the 33-year-old striker has scored over 200

Third was WALTER SCHACHNER of Austria Wien with 34 goals. Only 23-years-old, Walter joined his present club after playing for Austria in the World Cup in Argentina and has been top scorer in his country for the past two

Erwin Van den Bergh (centre) flanked by Laszlo Fazekas (left) and Walter Schachner after the award ceremony in Paris recently.

OP EUROPEAN



APART from the Golden Shoe awards, Europe's top teams were honoured by France Football/ Adidas.

This year's winner was REAL MADRID, whose past successes have made them one of the world's greatest clubs.

It was their performance last season, when they won both the Spanish League and Cup (the third time they have achieved this feat) that gave them the France Football/Adidas trophy for the first

Last year's winners, NOTTING-HAM FOREST, finished joint-second this time with HAMBUR-GER SV (four times German Champions), the team they beat to win the European Cup for the Second season in succession.







ABOVE: Hamburger SV, who shared the runners-up spot for the team of the year with Forest.

BELOW: Nottingham Forest. European Cup winners for two

LEFT: Real Madrid, the 1980 team of the year as decided by France Football/Adidas.

awai	awards — top scorers and top teams:				
	Top team	Top scorer			
1968	Benfica and Milan A.C.	Eusebio (Benfica) 42			
1969	Ajax	Jekov (CSKA Sofia) 36			
1970	Celtic	G. Muller (Bayern Munich) 38			
1971	Ajax and	Skoblar (Olympique Marseille) 44			
	Arsenal				
1972	Ajax	G. Muller (Bayern Munich) 40			
1973	Ajax	Eusebio (Benfica) 40			
1974	Bayern Munich	Yazalde (Sporting Lisbon) 46			
	and Feyenoord				
1975	Borussia	Georgescu (Dynamo Bucharest) 31			
	Moenchengladbach				
1976	Liverpool	Kaiafas (Nicosia) 39			
1977	Juventus	Georgescu (Dynamo Bucharest) 43			
1978	Liverpool	Krankl (Rapid Wien) 41			
1979	Nottingham Forest	Kist (Alkmaar) 34			
1980	Real Madrid	Van den Bergh (Lierse) 39			

Saturday, November 1 Third Division

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Fourth Division

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ROCHDALE (0) 1 (O'Loughlin) MANSFIELD (2) 4 (Mann, Austin 3 (1 pen))2,636

TORQUAY (0) 0
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Hamilton, Stalker) 2,122

YORK (1) 1 (Eccles) SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 1 959

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (3) 4 (McCall 3, McGhee)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Miller) 9,000
Aberdeen: Leighton, Dorman, Rougvie, Watson,
McLeish (Cooper), Miller, Strachan, McCall,
McGhee
(Davidson), Jarvie, Scanlon.
Aidrie: Martin, Walker, Rodger, McCluskey, March,
Anderson (N). Thompson (Anderson G), Clark, Russell,
Gordon, McKeown.

Gordon, McReumi.
HEARTS (0) 1 (Conn)
ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Somner)
Hearts: Westwater, Jeffries, Liddell, Denny, Shields,
Kidd, Bowman (Masterton), MacDonald, Robinson,

Conn, Gibson.

St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Beckett, Copland, McCormack, Abercrombie, Weir, Curran, Logan (Stark), Bone,

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 PARTICK (0) 1 (O'Hara)

Kilmarnock: Brown, Robertson, Clarke, McDicken, Coburn, Clark, Mauchlen, Cramond, McLean (Hughes),

Houston, McBride.

Partick: Rough, Murray (Doyle), Anderson, Welsh, Whittaker, Park, Watson (Clark), Jardine, Lapsley, O'Hara, Torrance.

MORTON (0) 0 DUNDEE UTD (0) 2 (Kirkwood 2) Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Tolmie, Cochrane, Thomson (McNeil), Busby (Hutchison), Ritchie,

Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Gibson, Payne (Kirkwood), Sturrock, Ward (Dodds).

RANGERS (2) 3 (McAdam 2, MacDonald) 53,000 CELTIC (0) 0 Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Johnstone, Jackson, Daw-son, McLean, Bett, Redford, McAdam, MacDonald, Johnston.

Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, MacDonald, McAdam, McGrain, Sullivan, Aitken, Burns, Provan, McGarvey (McCluskey), Nicholas (Doyle).

Scottish First

AYR (1) 4 (Christie, Connor (pen), Morris, Frye) DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Gallagher 2) HAMILTON (0) 1 (Fairlie) 500

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Fraser, Steven) CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Miller) 4,700 **DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton)** 1,900

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MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Kidd (pen), Irvine) HIBERNIAN (0) 0 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
RAITH (0) 3 (Ballantyne, Forsyth, Ford) 3,016

Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 2 (Campbell, Franchetti (pen) MONTROSE (0) 1 (R

ARBROATH (0) 0 MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Johnson) 599 BRECHIN (0) 0 COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Steele, Marshall) 400

CLYDE (0) 0 ALLOA (1) 3 (Holt, Morrison, Grant) 685 EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Thompson) STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Murray)

FORFAR (0) 3 (Rae (pen), Mitchell, Brash (pen)) STRANRAER (0) 0 900

QoS (0) 0 QUEEN'S PARK (2) 3 (Gillespie, McCoy, 1,000 Malone (og))

Monday, November 3

Third Division

BRENTFORD (0) 0 EXETER (1) 1 (Kellow)

Fourth Division

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Spence) WIMBLEDON (0) 0

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Lumby) MANSFIELD (0) 0

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(Fourth Round)

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Ardiles) ARSENAL (0) 0 42,551
Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton, Miller, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles (Roberts), Archibald, Villa, Hoddle,

Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins (McDermott), Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.

Osvaldo Ardiles cracks in a shot for Spurs against Arsenal.

(Fourth Round replays)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hunt)
Cambridge: Key, Danaldson (Taylor), Murray, Smith,
Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.
Ceventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Van Gool, Hateley, Thomas, Hunt.

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bell)
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Brown (A)) After extra14,420 time Preston: Tunks, Westwell, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Coleman, McGee, Bruce, Naughton

(Taylor). West Brom: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen (Trewick),

European Cup-Winners' Cup

(Second Round, second-leg)

NEWPORT (2) 6 (Gwyther, Lowndes, Aldridge, Tynan 2, Moore) HAUGAR (0) 0

(Newport win 6-0 on aggregate)

Second Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 3 (Bates, McCaffery,

WATFORD (1) 1 (Jackett) Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bater, McCaffery, Hughes, Cooper, Barrowclough, Williams, Mabbutt, Bates, Barrett.

Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Poskett, Cassells, Jenkins, Train, Rostron (Callaghan).



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Third Division	
BARNSLEY (2) 3 (Glavin, Aylott, Lester CARLISLE (0) 1 (Metcalfe)	9,191
FULHAM 0	3,131
PLYMOUTH 0	3,507
HULL 0 CHESTER 0	3,335
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Kindon, Robins) OXFORD (0) 0	7,543
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Gregory 2) COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Lee)	10,895
ROTHERHAM 0 CHESTERFIELD 0	11,093
SHEFF UTD 0 BURNLEY 0	14,585
SWINDON 0 GILLINGHAM 0	4,719
WALSALL (0) 2 (Waddington, Smith) CHARLTON (2) 2 (Lazarus, Hales)	4,287
Fourth Division	
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KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McBride) NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Robertson (og), Har-2,500

Wednesday, Nov 5 European Cup

(Second-Round, second-leg)

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Miller (og), Neal, Dalglish, Hansen) ABERDEEN (0) 0 ABERDEEN (0) 0 36,182
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A) (Cohen),
Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
Aberdeen: Leighton, Dornan, Rougvie (Cooper), Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Bell (Hewitt), McGhee,
Lavie Scanlon Liverpool win 5-0 on agg

Cup-Winners' Cup

(Second Round, second-leg)

TIMISOARA (0) 1 (Paltinisanu) WEST HAM (0) 0 25,000 West Ham win 4-1 on agg

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Second Round, second-leg)

BOHEMIANS PRAGUE (1) 2 (Micinek, Panenka)

lpswich win 3-2 on agg

LOKEREN 0 DUNDEE UTD 0 12,000

Agg 1-1. Lokeren win on away goals.

ST. ETIENNE (1) 2 (Larios 2) ST. MIRREN (0) 0 20.000

St. Etienne win 2-0 on agg

Fourth Division

HEREFORD 0

TORQUAY (2) 4 (Sermanni 2, Cooper, Fell) PORT VALE (0) 0 1,370 **Bell's Scottish League Cup**

(Semi-Final, first-leg)

AYR (0) 1 (Connor) DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair)

Friday, November 7

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Mountford 2) DONCASTER (0) 1 (Nimmo)

Saturday, November 8

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Bertschin)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0 16,910
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis (Evans), Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmil, Dillon.
C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Lovell, Murphy, Walsh, Flanagan (Rayle). Smillie

BRIGHTON (0) 0 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Johnston)

Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Cohen (Stevens), Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith,

Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Nattrass, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Macdonald, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.

ARSENAL (2) 5 (Lukic (o.g.), Gatting, Hollins, Talbot, Sunderland) 20,855 Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Madeley (Harris), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Parlane, Hird, Connor, Gray, Graham, Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Gatting, McDermott, Rix.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Young)
MAN CITY (0) 1 (Tueart) 19,104
Leicester: Wallington, Carr, Scott, Peake, May, O'Neill, Hamill, Lineker, Young, Wilson, Williams.

Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Caton (Bennett), Mackenzie, Hutchison, Gow, Tueart, Reeves,

43.143 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott,

Nottm For: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Ward, Wallace, Robertson.

COVENTRY 0

42,794

Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic (Sloan), Moran, Coppell, Birtles, Jordan, Macari, Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gilles-pie, Bodak, Van Gool (English), Hateley, Thomas, Hunt.

NORWICH (0) 2 (Fashanu, Royle) EVERTON (0) 1 (Latchford) 14,557 Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Downs, McGuire, Hoadley, Nightingale, Barham, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble. **Everton:** McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons (O'Keefe), Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Williams, Boyer, IPSWICH (2) 3 (Gates, Wark, Mariner) 21,261 Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Wat-son, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, Boyer, Moran, Baker. Ipswich: Sivell, Burley, Butcher, Mils, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, McCall.

STOKE 0 Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Buckley, Arnott, Rowell, Cooke, Brown (Robson), Stoke: Fox, Evans (Randall), Hampton, Dodd, O'Cal-laghan, Doyle, Bracewell, Heath, Chapman, Richard-son, Munro.

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Hoddle pen, Crooks) WOLVES (1) 2 (Atkinson, Richards) 29,244 Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton (Roberts), Miller, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.

Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Hollifield, Daniel, Brazier, Villazan (Carr), Hibbitt, Atkinson, Clarke, Richards, Eves.

WEST BROM 0 WEST BROWN
ASTON VILLA 0 34,001
West Brom: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile,
Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Barnes.
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans,
McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans,

Second Division

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Gibbins, Spriggs)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Shinton) 5,684
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon,
Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, Christie.
Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam,
Mitchell, Shinton, Wharton, Clarke, Shoulder, Hibbitt.

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Garland, Tainton) BLACKBURN (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0 8,773
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Mann,
Whitehead, Marshall, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt
(Pritchard), Ritchie, Garland.
Blackburn: Butcher, Brahagan, Rathbone, Parkes,
Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, McKenzie, Garner,
Speight, Stonehouse.

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Lee) OLDHAM (0) 0 19,327 Chelsea: Borota, Nutton, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Driver, Hutchins, Lee, Walker, Rhodes-Brown. Oldham: Platt, Hoolickin, Blair, Hilton, Clements, Hurst, Gardner, Stainrod, Wylde, Keegan, Atkinson.

NOTTS COUNTY 0 DERBY 0 Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Harkouk, Christie, Hunt, Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Skivington, Powell, Osgood, Clark, Swindlehurst, Biley, Wilson, Emson.

PRESTON (0) 3 Baxter, Bruce, Stevens (o.g.)) CARDIFF (1) 1 (Kitchen) 5,458
Preston: Tunks, Westwell, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Coleman, McGee, Naughton (Taylor),

Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Lewis, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.



Cardiff's Peter Kitchen.

Q.P.R. (2) 3 (Neal 2, King) LUTON (2) 2 (Moss, Stein) Q.P.R.: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Howe, Roeder, King (McCreery), Neal, Langley,

Luton: Judge, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Goodyear, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss.

SHEFF WED (0) 2 (Curran 2 (1 pen))
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Sutton)
15,736
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering
(Mellor), Hornsby, Curran, Johnson, King, McCulloch,

Mirocevic.

Wrexham: Davies, Salathiel (Edwards), Jones, Davis,
Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Sutton, Hill, Vinter,
Cartwright.

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (Atkins, Biggins, Cross) BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Williams) 4,44 BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Williams) 4,446
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Petts, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Cross.
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bater, McCaffery, Hughes, Cooper, Barrowclough, Williams, Mabbutt, Bates, Barrett.

SWANSEA (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 2 (Moores, Chiedozie) 10,922
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney,
Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, Waddle, James, Charles, Robinson (Craig).

Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Hughton, Margerrison.

WATFORD (1) 3 (Poskett, Ward, Rostron) BOLTON (1) 1 (Hoggan) Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Callaghan, Poskett, Ward, Train, Rostron. Bofton: Poole, Nicholson, Burke, Cantello, Jones, Walsh, Reid, Whatmore, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowling.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2) WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2)
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Stone)
West Ham: Parkes, Brush, Lampard, Bonds, Martin,
Neighbour, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crosby, Wiggington, Moore,
Waters, Brolly, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Liddell

Third Division

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	ILEY (1) 1 (Hamilton) ING (1) 2 (Webb, Dixon)	6,910
CARL	ISLE (1) 2 (Staniforth pen, Wilso AM (0) 2 (Beck pen, Hatter)	on (o.g.)) 3,665
	ILTON (1) 2 (Hales, Smith) IERHAM (0) 0	7,338
	TER (0) 3 (Phillips 2, Sutcliffe) FUTD (0) 2 (Buckley, Hatton)	4,563
	TERFIELD (1) 2 (Bonnyman 2) TFORD (1) 1 (Graham)	7,185
	HESTER (0) 1 (Hodge pen)	2,153
	ER (0) 0 ISLEY (0) 1 (Riley)	4,019
	NGHAM (0) 0 SMOUTH (0) 1 (Gregory)	6,623
MILLY	WALL (0) 2 (Tagg, Chatterton) DERSFIELD (0) 1 (Robins)	3,529
NEW! Bailey	PORT (2) 4 (Oakes, Gwyther, L	owndes,
HULL	(0) 0	5,495
	ORD (0) 0 KPOOL (0) 2 (Ball 2 (2 pens))	3,038
	OUTH (0) 2 (Kemp 2) SALL (0) 0	5,022
	Fourth Division	400

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT 0 PETERBOROUGH 0

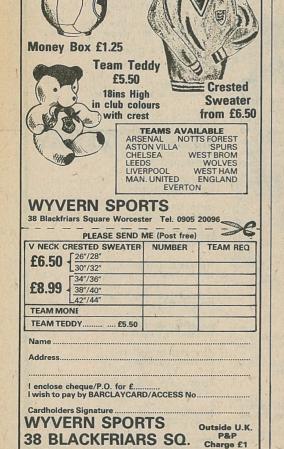
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0	(o.g.)) 2,202
CREWE (1) 1 (Hunter) YORK (1) 1 (McGhie)	2,798
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Stalker, Walsh) TRANMERE (0) 0	1,645
HALIFAX (0) 1(Goodman) HARTLEPOOL (1) 2(Kilner (o.g.), Hogan)	1,692
LINCOLN (1) 2(Neale, Hobson) SOUTHEND (0) 1(Spence)	7,218
MANSFIELD (0) 1(Bird) TORQUAY (1) 1(Rioch)	3,266
PORT VALE (0) 1(Bowles) ROCHDALE (0) 1(Esser)	2,774

SCUNTHORPE (0) 3(Stewart 2, Cammack) HEREFORD (1) 1(Phillips) 1

WIGAN (0) 0 BRADFORD (1) 1(Dolan) 5,155

WIMBLEDON (1) 1(Cork) NORTHAMPTON (0) 0







WORCESTER



Jim lley aims to put new life

LOOKING up from the Fourth Division's re-election zone, In BU with an interesting theory.

with an interesting theory.

"We're too good for the Fourth
Division," he said. "We play foot-ball which is above this level but well for the sake of supporters we lose matches because it isn't the right sort of football.

"This season we've beaten teams like Oldhow

teams like Oldham, Newcastle, Burnley and Airdrie, and we've beaten them fair and square, but then we've come unstuck at home to clubs like Darlington, Southend and Crewe.

'I think what happens is that the players read the paper and see they're at home to Crewe and automatically think they've only to turn up to get two points. But it doesn't work like that.

'Blitz'

"When we played Crewe they had just lost by three goals at home to Wimbledon, but when they came to Gigg Lane they were three up in no time and we didn't start to play until after the blitz.

"Last season we were relegated partly because we had a good run partly because we had a good run in the League Cup, and while the players' minds were on a game against Liverpool they were dropping valuable League points.

"They went down when they never should have done, and this can only get better, and I have every confidence that we will soon maying up the table.

season as soon as we drew Nottingham Forest in the same competition our form became

indifferent."
Iley has been at Bury only a short time, but he is already putting new life into the club.

"We have players with a lot of I'm sui potential, and I would love us to do places."

which must have made life miserable for the genuine Bury supporters who've been coming here through thick and thin down the

years.
"It's going to take some time, but I believe in having a good youth policy and there's more reward for a club, the management and players if you can manufacture your own lads.

"Bury have produced quality layers like Colin Bell and Terry McDermott in the past and I see no reason why we shouldn't find some more like that."

lley, who had been out of football management for some time after spells with Barnsley and Peterborough United is relishing

the job.
"I've always been involved in football in some way, even when I

be moving up the table.

"We have some very skilful players and at times this season they've shown what they can do. We have to get some consistency into our game, but once we do that I'm sure Bury will start to go

Funnells

T'S not quite 30 months since clinched promotion for the club. It Lawrie McMenemy pulled his was a great feeling.

"After that, the dream died. I had for Southampton from the Second Division.

McMenemy, ever the gambler with an eye for a slick move, pitched an unknown Sussex-born lad into Saints' first team as the 1977-78 League season built into a

Eleven games and seven goals later, Tony Funnell was the junior hero as Southampton celebrated their return to the First Division. But the joy was short-lived for the youngster whose goals had helped clinch promotion for the club.

Funnell played just two games for Saints early in the following season, didn't score and was soon on his way to Third Division Gillingham for a £40,000 fee. Life's like that in the world of pro foot-

Funnell was Gillingham's record transfer signing when he joined the Kent club. But it never worked out for him at Prestfield. club missed promotion to Division Two by a single point and Funnell, bothered by illness and injury, never reached his full potential.

It was little wonder when Funnell stepped once more on to the transfer bandwagon and ended up in West London with Brentford.

But now, the country lad who once played for Eastbourne United has been scoring regularly for Brentford, taking the Londoners to a healthy mid-table position in Division Three.

Convinced

It's been a satisfactory start for Brentford, and Tony Funnell is convinced that things can only get better at Griffin Park.

"I'm really enjoying life again," grinned Funnell. "I've been concentrating on staying in the penalty-areas and snapping up the oose balls. I'm hopeful things will keep going well for me.
"Defenders in the Third Division

tend to be slow and rather big. At 5ft 6½ ins and just over ten stone, I'm small and nippy, and that's how I've scored some this season.

I've found it quite easy to make space and when you do that you're business, because defenders

don't react too quickly.
"I have no ill feelings towards
Saints or Lawrie McMenemy," he says. "But I do miss the big time feeling of a First Division club or one aiming to win promotion from Division Two.

'I'll always remember those good times at Southampton. The goal I scored at Orient to give us a draw was the one which

was a great feeling.

"After that, the dream died. I had a couple of games in the First Division but didn't do enough to stay. I don't think I would ever have made it at Southampton as a regular first team player in Division One. As it was, I progressed more by leaving and playing regular first

team football in a lower Division."
Funnell is now settling down. His wife has just had their first baby and that, he says, makes him feel better. He'll keep smiling, too as long as he keeps scoring.

And if Brentford can capitalise on their steady start to make a determined bid to get among the promotion hunters, Tony Funnell's experience could prove vital for



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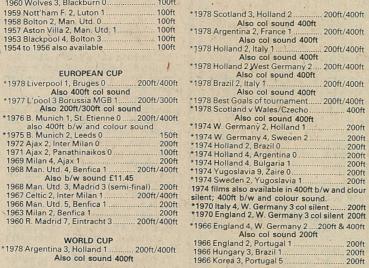
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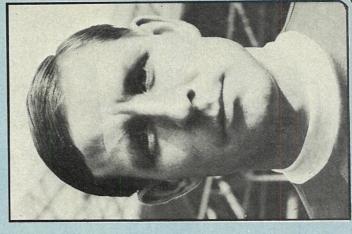
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PROBABLY the best Spanish player of all time, though Luis Suarez has only 32 international caps to his credit. Born in La Coruña on May Znd, 1935, he began his career with the local club before joining Barcelona as an 18-year-old and immediately making his mark as a busy, talented inside-forward. Overshadowed by the great Real Madrid side, Barcelona finally reached a European Cup Final in 1961, whereupon Suarez was snapped up by Inter Milan along with Barcelona's manager Helenio Herrera. Teaming up with Mazzola and Jair in the Inter attack, his ability to keep possession and then hit telling long passes helped the Ralian club to European Cup friumphs in 1964 and 1965. Suarez made his international debut for Spain on the same day as Affredo di Stéfano in a 5-1 win over Holland in 1957, and his finest moment came seven years later when he helped Spain beat Russia 2-1



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KOPA

HAILED as the genius of French football, Raymond Kopa lborn on October 13th, 1931) was the brains behind the Stade Reims side that dominated the Stade Reims side that dominated the scene across the Channel in the 1950's and which narrowly lost the first ever European Cup Final 3-4 to Real Madrid. Kopa impressed Real so much that they immediately signed him! Napoleon' won three European Cups with Real, including a 2-0 defeat of his old club in 1959. Returning to France, he notched two more League titles with Reims in 1950 and 1952, taking his goal tally to 103. Kopa represented France on 40 occasions, and the peak of his international career was the 1956 World Cup when he combined brilliantly with striker Just Fontaine to form a deadly partnership that led France to a best-ever third place. Sadly, his international career was cut short in 1962 following a bitter disagreement with national team boss Verriest.





A CLEVER Scottish outside-left who proved his determination by making a come-back after breaking a leg when at the peak of his career in October, 1963. The previous season he had helped Rangers win the League and Cup "double" and assisted his country in beating the Auld Enemie 2-1 at Wembley. Wilson (above, centre) was out of the limelight until February, 1964, but then returned to

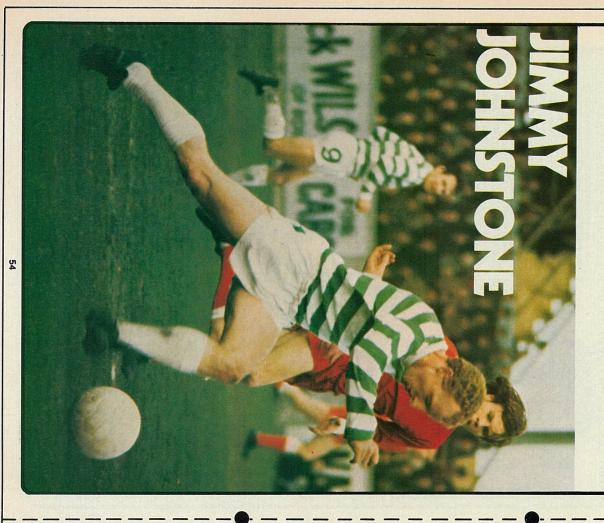
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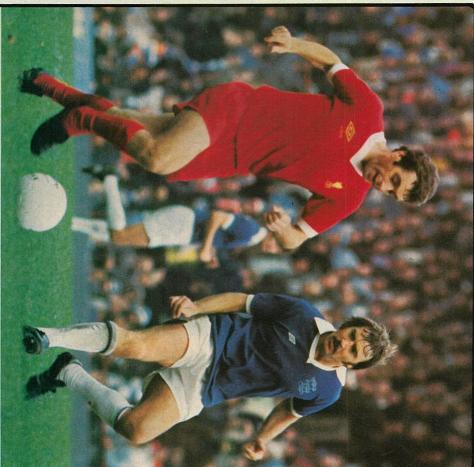
the Rangers team and also helped Scotland beat England 1-0 at Hampden, and draw with them 2-2 at Wembley in April, 1965, before his international career came to an end with a 2-1 victory over Finland in May, 1965. There were those who believed that he was still too good to be dropped, but by this time he was losing favour with Rangers and it was no surprise when he moved to Dundee

United in 1967. At his peak this "wee man" was practically unstoppable. In a spell of four days in March, 1962 he scored a double hat-trick for Rangers at Falkirk as a centre-forward, and then another hat-trick as outside-left for the Scottish League, who beat the Football League 4-3 at Villa Park. One of the finest players in recent Scottish history.

THE wizard of the dribble, Jimmy Johnstone became one of Celtic's greatest heroes in his years at Parkhead. A small, fast winger with a flery temper to match his red hair, he was outstanding in Celtic's feat of becoming the first British club to capture the European Cup when they beat Inter Milan 2-1 in the 1987 Final in Lisbon. He also played a huge part in helping Celtic to establish themselves as the undisputed kings of Scotland during the 60's and early 70's, when they won the First Division Championship title nine times in

succession between 1966 and 1974. Also featured in the Scottish Cup Final victories in 1967, 1971, 1972 and 1974. Johnstone's poor disciplinary record and exciteable temperament often led him into trouble both on and off the field, but it did not prevent him from gaining 23 full caps for Scotland. His first was against Wales at Cardiff in October, 1964. Scotland were beaten 3-2 on that occasion. His last full cap was at his beloved Hampden Park against Spain in November, 1974. One of Celtic's most popular players of all time.





AN CALLAGHAN

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NOW in his 21st season in League football, lan Callaghan's record 640 League appearances for Liverpool in his 18 years at Anfield is just part of the story of this amazing footballer. Gained virtually every honour the British and European game has to offer, and has not surprisingly featured in the Royal Honours list for his outstanding services to football. Gained two F.A. Cup medals, five League Champions medals, one European Cup medal, two UEFA Cup honours and was also voted Footballer of the Year in 1974. Started his career as a flying winger at Anfield, gradually moving back to

midfield in his later years with Liverpool.
Booked only once in his career with the club, and proved to be one of their finest ever servants. One of the biggest mysteries surrounding his career concerned the fact that he gained only four full England caps. The first two were gained in 1966 against Finland and France, the last two in 1977 against Switzerland and Luxembourg. In 1978 he finally severed his links with Liverpool to join his former team-mate John Toshack at Swansea. Ian has epitomised the true spirit of the game over the past two decades.







HUDDERSFIELD TOWN AND ARSENAL **UNDER HERBERT**

ONLY two sides have won the Football League Championship three times in a row, and it is no coincidence that both were created Football League Championship three times in a row, and it is no coincidence that both were created by Herbert Chapman, a Yorkshireman who studied as a mining engineer but struck silver as the game's most progressive manager. The first was Huddersfield Town where Chapman (back row, left) took charge in September, 1920. In three or four years he built them into the finest team in the land, winning the F.A. Cup in 1923-24, 24-25 and 25-26, although, by June, 1925 he had been persuaded to manage Arsenal. In his first two seasons at Highbury, Arsenal finished runners-up in the League and then the Cup, but in 1930 he steered them to their first major honour in winning the F.A. Cup. They followed this by winning the League four times in five seasons. Sadly, however, the builder had again not remained to see them complete the triple Championship, for he died in January, 1934. Huddersfield Town (Triple Champions 1924-25-26) from—Taylor, Mercer; Goodall, Barkas, Wadsworth; Steel, Cawthorne, Tom Wilson, Watson; Williams, Walter, Jackson, Cook, Charlie Wilson, Brown, Stephenson, Billy Smith. Arsenal (Triple Champions 1933-34-35) from — Moss; Male, Hapgood; Jones, Crayston, Hill, Roberts, John, Copping; Hulme, Beasley, Jack, Bowden, Coleman, Dunne, Drake, James, Bastin.



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BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY



Liverpool v Spurs

Alan Hansen heads clear for Liverpool against Spurs two seasons ago.

SURPRISING as it may seem Spurs have not won a League game at Anfield for nearly 70 years! Indeed, they, have only won there twice in 37 games.

That last League victory was obtained way back in March, 1912 when they scored twice in the early part of the game and managed to hold on to the points. Even then it was a close thing, for after Liverpool had reduced the arrears a Spurs defender had to clear off his goal-line in the last minute.

Coming more up to date, Liverpool have now enjoyed six wins in a row against Spurs at Anfield, for the last time the Londoners took a point was in March, 1973 when Alan Gilzean got the second-half equaliser in a 1-1 draw. Kevin Keegan put Liverpool ahead on that occasion.

Incidentally, Gilzean's goal in that game was only the second by a Tottenham player in nearly 12 hours of League football at Anfield.

Liverpool fans haven't forgotten how their favourites thrashed Spurs 7-0 at home only a little over two years ago.

Arsenal v Wolves

ARSENAL need to look to their laurels

ARSENAL need to look to their laurels in this match as Wolves have won two and drawn two of their last six League games at Highbury.

Nobody enjoys a game on this ground more than John Richards, who has scored in five of his last eight visits. If he is in the Wolves line-up on Saturday he may again prove to be a thorn in Arsenal's side.

This will be their 42rd League clash in

Arsenal's side.
This will be their 43rd League clash in London and current form indicates that Arsenal should prevent Wolves from continuing their winning ways at High-

The visitor's biggest win there was in April, 1961 when they were in second place in the League and hammered The Gunners 5-1 with goals from Barry Stobart (two), Peter Broadbent, Bobby Mason and Jimmy Murray.

M'brough v Villa

ASTON Villa are going great guns at the moment and on paper look like being able to improve on what has not been a too brilliant record at Middlesbrough in

recent years.
Indeed, Villa have only won one
League match there in the last 15 visits. That was in March, 1960 when both sides were chasing promotion to the First Division and Villa centre-forward, Gerry Hitchens, got the only goal of the

Villa went up that season while Middlesbrough stayed in the Second. To be fair to Villa they have since drawn six of their ten visits, but the Middlesbrough defence has been so tight that Villa have only scored seven League goals in their last 15 games at Ayresome Park.

Man. City v Ipswich

THESE two clubs have a comparatively short history of League meetings and this will only be Ipswich Town's 16th game at Maine Road. Of the 15 already

game at Maine Road. Of the 15 already played City have won nine, Ipswich two and four have been drawn.

Ipswich will be looking for a repeat of their success at Maine Road two seasons ago when all the goals came in the second-half with the visitors coming out on top 2-1. Eric Gates and Brian Talbot were their scorers while Asa Hartford netted for City.

It is interesting to note that Ipswich have never failed to find the Manchester City net in any of their last eight League visits. Their biggest win at Maine Road was 3-1 in April, 1974.

West Ham v Sheffield Wed.

A feeling of nostalgia surrounds this fixture, for many Sheffield Wednesday supporters still retain fond memories of their remarkable 6-0 victory at Upton Park in December, 1951. Hero of that game was the ill-fated Derek Dooley, who had only made his League debut two months earlier and had already scored 16 goals in nine games.

At Upton Park that afternoon the

inimitable Dooley, whose career was to be cut short when he lost a leg after injury, scored a hat-trick in the first half

When these two last met at Upton Park in September, 1969 the home side won 3-0, and it is perhaps a little surprising to note that as many as three West Ham players in that victory could be facing Wednesday again this Saturday — Frank Lampard, Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking.

THE boos and slow handclaps echoed around Old Trafford, but they weren't directed at the opposition. The jeers were for Manchester United during our recent games against Coventry and games Wolves.

It was embarrassing and hurtful, but I couldn't blame the fans for giving the lads stick as they strug-

gled to draw 0-0 both times.
They haven't had much to cheer lately, especially in the way of goals.
At least we did manage four at **Brighton recently.**

I have every sympathy with our supporters. They have every right to show their disapproval. After all, they do pay our wages.

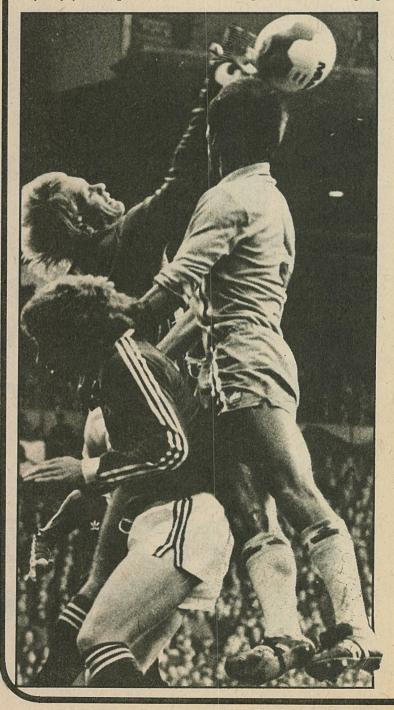


Jeer they might, but at least they are still turning up.

Just to show how fantastic United

fans have been, almost 38,000 came to watch us play Wolves a few days after the Coventry bore.

That might seem low by Old Traf-ford standards, but not considering the tough times we're going



BLAME THE FANS FOR BOOING US'

through. Our gate that night was 10,000 more than Liverpool attracted to Anfield for their game against Coventry the previous evening.

while I agree the fans have every right to demonstrate their disappointment, I feel they should be more understanding.

pointment, I feel they should be more understanding.
I'm getting tired of reminding people that no other team in the country has been hit so hard by injuries. Dave Sexton hasn't been able to field his strongest side for two matches running this season.

The lads who've come in have done a smashing job, but any team is bound to lose fluency when forced to make so many changes.

Unfortunately, the majority of supporters don't really bother about injuries. They'd expect to see the old United playing with all their usual flair and excitement, even if Dave Sexton had to play a whole team of reserves.

What they also don't realise is crowd reaction spreads like wildfire among the players and can knock their confidence for six.

Despite all our problems, United have maintained a challenging position among the leaders in the First Division.

As I write we're five points adrift of pacesetters Aston Villa. But as far as I'm concerned, the Championship race doesn't really hot up until after the New Year.

When I was at Leeds we had a ten

LEFT: Coventry apply the pressure at Old Trafford. BELOW: Peter Rhoades-Brown has done a fine job for Chelsea as one of their two wingers.

point lead over Liverpool in early January but they came within a point of us by Easter.

Leeds won the title, but it goes to prove all is not lost at this stage of the season.

Once all our senior players are back in action, United will recapture the winning, adventurous, flamboyant style.

I feel sorry for the boss. He and Tommy Cavanagh have been steadily building for a couple of years. Just when it appeared they had got together the balanced squad they wanted we're crippled by injuries.

United have been criticised for lack of flair and finesse. Some people have even suggested we've shut up shop this season.

Defensive

That's nonsense. Dave Sexton still loves us to play football and there's no way United will become defensive.

Our class will show through in the end. So will Garry Birtles.

Our new £1.4 million striker is playing well enough, without getting the goals. Perhaps he hasn't had the right sort of service and developed an understanding with Joe Jordan. But that will come right, because Garry has the right class and skill.

I haven't seen too much of him since his move because he still travels backwards and forwards from Nottingham and doesn't hang around after games and training.

around after games and training.
But I know he's feeling a little low
due to his lack of scoring success.
When he does start to pile on the
goals the Old Trafford fans will love
him.

Even Garry has been hit by the injury hoodoo. He suffered an ankle injury playing for England in Rumania, it wasn't bad enough to prevent him from playing, but between games Garry has had to spend time on the treatment table.

Because of this he hasn't really had much opportunity of working with the lads and Dave Sexton in training and developing an understanding

Garry and Manchester United will pull in the crowds all right, especially when we're on form, which is more than can be said for many other teams these days.

Many managers and coaches are too cautious. They are afraid of losing games and their jobs. As Brian Clough admitted recently.

You don't get many teams coming to Old Trafford prepared to have a go. Most are content to play a containing game . . . stop us from turning itse.

ing it on.

To be fair, though, managers are under great pressure from their directors who often demand instant success. Perhaps they should be more selective when appointing managers and give them more time to build a team capable of winning honours.

One way to bring back some of the excitement would be to award more points for away wins. Give teams an incentive to attack on opponent's grounds.

Wingers would also bring the fun back to football. Most chances are still created when players get behind full-backs and make the deadball line.

Sadly, wingers have become a dying breed.

Chelsea are playing with two men



Garry Birtles, under attack from the United supporters.

out wide, though. They have Peter Rhoades-Brown and Phil Driver.

It's certainly paying dividends for manager Geoff Hurst and I hope they go up. Their exciting, refreshing style will liven up the First Division and I believe be just as effective."

If I were a football fan I'd travel to watch Chelsea and their Second Division promotion rivals West Ham.

Whenever I've seen The Hammers on TV they've really been buzzing, pushing forward all the time. They're a joy to watch.

So are Aston Villa. I tipped them to do well at the start of the season and they haven't let me down.

Splendid

Villa play with a winger, Tony Morley, who is creating a lot of chances for the splendid twin striking partnership of Peter Withe and Gary Shaw.

Liverpool still excite me, although I'm sick and tired of saying it. They've got so many great players, like Kenny Dalglish, that I'd be prepared to travel miles to watch them.

Norwich City, United's opponents at Carrow Road this Saturday (December 6th), can be one of the country's most attractive teams on their day.

No team looks forward to playing them on their own ground, especially in a Cup competition. Most are happy to go home with a draw.

The Canaries weakness is their inconsistency, a fact which prevents them from challenging for honours.

I didn't play in last season's corresponding match because of injury. Mind you United did well enough without me, winning 2-0. Let's hope for the same success this time.



Chris. Moreon



England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland were involved in World Cup qualifying games recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

- 1. Who scored England's two goals in their disappointing 2-1 victory against Switzerland at Wembley?
- 2. Wales maintained their 100 per cent record when they beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 at Cardiff. Did David Giles score the only goal in the first or second-half?
- 3. What was the result of Northern Ireland's game against Portugal in
- The Republic recorded their highest score in international football when they beat Cyprus 6-0. Did Gerry Daly, Frank Stapleton (pictured) or Tony Grealish score two goals?



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- 8. Fir Park.
- 9. Springfield Park. 10. Tannadice.

The following players have all been transferred this season. Their former clubs are in brackets can you name their present ones?

1. Phil Driver (Wimbledon)

2. lain Munro (St. Mirren)

3. Joe Royle (Bristol City)

- 4. Peter Taylor (Tottenham).

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The names of 11 past and present Leeds United players are spelt out in this frame straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

ANSWERS

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ON THE BALL **ANSWERS**

ACROSS: (2) Sealy. (4) Portadown. (8) Club. (9) Owen. (11) Arena. (14) Cooper. (15) Chairs. (16) Erupt. (19) Sews. (20) Itch. (21) Ray McHale. (25) Withe. DOWN: (1) Sir. (2) Sala. (3) Yeo. (4) Paul Power. (5) Tear. (6) Dean. (7) Newcastle. (8) Cross. (10) North. (11) Are. (12) Emu. (13) Act. (17) Room. (18) Posh. (22) Yew. (23) Cats. (24) Ace.

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Rising damp

SPAIN'S Ministry of Public Works has finally given the green light to the plans for the modernisation of Vigo's Balaidos stadium — one of the 1982

World Cup centres.

With only 18 months before the big kick-off, an accelerated construction programme will include the building of

programme will include the building of a new stand.

The picturesque note is that the River Lagares runs so close to the ground that there's no alternative but to build the new terracing over it.

Spectators had better brace themselves to cope with nasty attacks of rising damp . . .

Brazil boss names the world's best sides

BRAZIL manager Telê Santana was asked to define or give impressions on a few players and events:

few players and events:

WORLD CUP: "It is always important to win. Brazil will go to Spain in '82 to win the Cup. If we lose, it won't be due to a lack of courage."

OPPONENTS: "Brazil are among the best four in the world. Together with us, I put Belgium (who have developed their football a great deal), Argentina (Maradona (below) is in sensational form) and West Germany (who play football like I had never seen it played before). Holland have gone down Italy before). Holland have gone down, Italy are paying the price of renewing a team and England have long stabilised their football."

CRITICS: "I only pay attention to those who wish to help me with positive

who wish to help me with positive criticisms."

IMPROVISATIONS: "Before I became manager of the national side, I had always been against improvising with players. I have had to go back on my own words. Everyone knows Brazil are defficient on the right-wing and I have had to improvise Paulo Isidoro and Tita in that position."

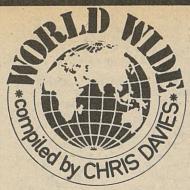
LEAO: "I wouldn't call him to be on the substitute's bench. If and when I call him, it will be for him to play. There's nothing personal about my not having called him recently."

SOCRATES: "He is the team's leader. He is being prepared for this. His intellectual level (he is a doctor) and power over other players make him a leader by nature."

FALCAO: "The whole world agrees he is

FALCAO: "The whole world agrees he is an extraordinary player. However, if Roma do not release him at least 30 days before a competition, I won't call him."





IN Peru there's a club that goes by the name of Los Terribles — which doesn't need a great deal of translation. And the side lived up to its picturesque name in a recent game, when all eleven players were sent-off. The amazing incident came when Los Terribles were winning 1-0 and the referee gave a penalty against them. All eleven promptly sat down on the goal-line in protest, preventing the spot kick from being taken. The referee showed them all the yellow card and then, when they still refused to budge, showed Los Terribles the red one!

AMBURGER SV general manager Günter Netzer is currently having a hard time trying to keep the HSV squad together. He is moving from one player to another trying to persuade them all to stay with the club. Horst Hrubesch, the centre-forward who scored both goals in the European Champion-

ship Final, is determined to accept

a lucrative bid from Juventus unless HSV match it.
Ivan Buljan is also determined to accept a good offer from the USA when his contract expires next June and reserve goalkeeper Uli Stein demands a move because he

A RARE struggle is going on in East Germany for the Championship, with three clubs level on points at the top. Dynamo Berlin, Magdeburg and Dynamo Dresden. They all stepped up from second place to overhaul the old leaders FC Carl Zeiss Jena when they were unexpectedly beaten 2-1 at home to Rot Weiss Erfut. But Jena are still only one point from the top and a close battle involving the four best teams in East Germany is expected.

YUGOSLAVIA'S current first choice goalkeeper Dragan Pantelic has four goals to his credit this season. Three came from penalties, but the fourth and went in from an estimated 90 yards after the opposing goalkeeper Enver Maric of Velez was caught napping. That was the only goal of the game.



AN early shower for the players during the game between Borussia Dortmund and 1860 Munich . . a water mains pipe which runs under the pitch burst in the wants first team football.

News flashes

• Footballer of the Year for 1980 in Sweden is the veteran Rolf Zetterlund who was playing in the Second Division in 1979. He is player-manager of IF Brage, who were promoted a year ago with a young team built by Zetterlund and finished fourth at the first attempt in the top flight.

• Real Madrid have moved the telephone at their Ciudad Deportion training ground and installed it in manager Bos-kov's dressing-room. The phone was previously just outside the players dressing-rooms, and the club was aghast to receive a phone bill for £3,500. Now Bos-kov (right) rides shotgun on the phone in no uncertain fashion!

Acknowledged Cup-fighters Finland. Valkeaskosken

Haka were beaten in their Cup Final 3-2 by unfashionable Kupio PT, for whom the vet-eran 35-year-old Arto Tolsa, Finland's most-capped player, scored two goals. Tolsa spent the best part of his career as a professional in Belgium.



Brazilian authorities Porto Alegre are planning to ban fans from taking trumpets, drums and other instruments into stadiums. At the recent Internacional/Gremio match the noise level was measured at an average of 87 decibles; the limit for health risks is 75. The highest recording was when Internacional took to the pitch __ 1071

 Branko Zebec, coach of Hamburger SV and defender Ivan Buljan failed breathalis-ers recently and have been banned for nine months. They were also fined £5,000 and £4,000 respectively.

Borussia Mönchenglad-bach's full-back Jürgen Fleer was robbed recently and the burglars stole his collection of more than 400 video cassettes.

• In Peru the fans have still not forgotten their 6-0 defeat against Argentina in the 1978 World Cup and after questions from two MP's the Government is to set up a committee of inquiry to find out whether the Argentinians really did 'buy' the result they wanted, which put them in the World Cup Final.

PARAGUAY'S F.A. has slapped a ban on all international transfers of 'A' and Youth internationals in a bid to

and Youth internationals in a bid to halt the exodus of top players and give the national team a chance of qualifying for the 1982 World Cup.

But the South American Champions have already lost key men like Romero, Villalba (above), Talavera and Isasi, so the move is a classic case of shutting the stable door after all the prize horses have bolted.

prize horses have bolted.



The first of the newly imported players to be sent off in Italy this season was Daniel Bertoni (above) the Argenti-nian of Fiorentina who got the red card for a foul away to

THERE was a look of shock on the face of Rachid Harkouk when Tommy Docherty broke the news . . . Notts County wanted to buy him.

And the fact that a move away from the bright lights of London seemed certain to benefit his football career was very much of secondary importance in that instant.

"My first reaction was that Nottingham was too far away from London — much too far," he said. "My mind was like a calculator. I wanted to know how many miles were involved, how long would it take?"

Rather than being flattered that

County wanted him, he took it almost as a personal insult. How could he possibly be expected to turn his back on the social scene which had become a way of life for him?

He smiles at the suggestions that he gave way to temptation. It wasn't that the fast cars, trendy clothes and nightclubs took preference over his football . . . but it was a close thing.

"London is a big city and there's no shortage of places to go and things to do," he added. "I like enjoying myself and I don't for one minute regret the fact that I had a good time in London.

"I was horrified when Tommy Docherty suggested I move to Notts County but once I got over the shock I went away and thought things over.

"I knew that Martyn Busby had made the same move from Ran-

arrival when he turned up at Meadow Lane to complete his £50,000 transfer in July — chauffeured to the ground by Stan Bowles!

The move North had not worked out for Bowles. He was about to return "home" and that fitted in conveniently with Harkouk's plans.

plans.
"Stan has moved into my flat in London and I've got his house in Nottingham. It seemed the obvious thing to do," he added.
"I suppose I've become a much

"I suppose I've become a much more dedicated footballer and I've astonished myself several times recently by turning up at the ground on my day off for extra training.

"When I was at Palace I had a free role and as long as I made little contributions here and there, I could get away without running.

"They won't tolerate that at

Moving to County DRRIFIED HARKOUK

gers to Meadow Lane and when I rang him to ask his advice he told

me to go.

"Inevitably, leaving London would be a terrible wrench for me but I decided to give it a try. And I can honestly say that I'm now happier than I've been for a long ime."

Harkouk made a typically stylish

Notts County and although I'm still under pressure to establish a regular place in the side, I reckon I've developed a lot in the short time I've been here.

"I know I've got a lot of ability which is largely untapped and moving away from London has helped me come to terms with this — and do something about it."

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THERE was nothing false or insincere about the good wishes Ken Brown received when he stepped up to become manager of Norwich, following the departure of John Bond to Manchester City.

The people who wished Brown

The people who wished Brown well meant it. For he is that rare breed — a man who makes nothing but friends.

He is ever ready with a laugh and a joke. But there is a steely streak behind the sunny exterior . . . as any Norwich player who steps out of line will find out.

Most people in football were shocked when Bond moved off to Maine Road and left Brown behind. It seemed to be taken for granted that a partnership that had lasted for 25 years would continue up in the North.

Brown and Bond played in the



have been tremendous and I have nothing but admiration for them," said Brown.

"We had a meeting after John had gone and they made it clear they were 100 per cent behind me. They proved that by going out and beating Coventry — and were desperately unlucky to lose at Arsenal in the next game:

"If they carry this attitude through the rest of the season we should not have too much to worry about.

"I have not moved up into the manager's chair with fancy ideas of making revolutionary changes. I worked closely with John for many years and agreed basically with what he was doing.

"But I have one or two little ideas of my own and these will be introduced as and when required.

"All the coaching will be done by

but the final decision will be mine.

"That's the way it was with John and myself. We often disagreed — and violently — on certain players or team selection. But however heated things got it was all forgotten the next morning.

morning.

"And he often listened to my advice. For it was me who suggested that he give his son, Kevin, and striker Justin Fashanu their chance in the team.

'Advice'

"That's the way it will be in the future. You have to work as a team off the field as well as on it and I'll always listen to any advice from my coaching staff

my coaching staff.
"I know that I will be watched closely for a time and realise I'll take stick if things go wrong. I won't complain about that.

"I have had the ambition to move into the bosses chair and be my own man for some time. Now I have achieved it I'm ready to take the rough with the smooth — and there is plenty of rough in this game."

There is a saying in football that 'nice guys win nothing'. It would be great if Norwich could win something to prove that wrong — for they don't come any nicer than Ken Brown.

● But Ken isn't the only member of the Brown family hoping for success. His 15-year-old daughter Amanda is Britain's Junior Tennis Champion and widely tipped to appear on the Centre Court in the near future. Only blot in the family—she's a West Ham fan!

Joe Royle (below, left), Graham Paddon (centre) and Justin Fashanu (below) are combining to help Norwich away from the First Division relegation

KEN BROWN

same West Ham team from 1954 onwards. Brown, in fact, took over at centre-half from Malcolm Allison, the man sacked by Manchester City before Bond moved in.

From West Ham they joined
Torquay together. Then they went
their separate ways for a brief
spell, Bond to Gillingham as coach,
Brown to Hereford where he
combined part-time football with
working on the West Ham pool
and also as a representative for
one of the directors.

When Bond got the manager's job at Bournemouth in 1969 the first man he sent for was Brown to

be his assistant.
For the next 11 years he was a loyal and capable number two to Bond, and people who claimed to be in the know were convinced there was no way they would ever split-up.

But when Bond took the City job he decided that John Benson, youth team manager at Carrow Road, was the one he wanted as his assistant — and that threw Ken Brown into confusion for a time.

Front-runner

However, once the dust had settled, it soon became clear that Brown would be a front-runner for the job Bond quit.

The board were aware of the part he had played in the remarkable job done at Norwich over the past seven years and, understandably, were keen to appoint from within.

An away win at Coventry —
Norwich's first of the season —
while he was temporarily in charge
did Ken's chances no harm at all.
And the following day he was
confirmed as manager, with Mel
Machin being promoted to chief
coach.

Machin is another to play a big art in the development of the oung players at Norwich.

-the manager the players wanted

He was a player at Gillingham when Bond went there, followed him to Bournemouth and was the first one signed when he took over at Norwich.

at Norwich.

"The players' attitude got me
the job as much as anything. They

Mel Machin. He will have a completely free hand to work with the players and won't get any interference from me.

"Obviously he will offer me opinions on various matters. I will listen to everything he has to say







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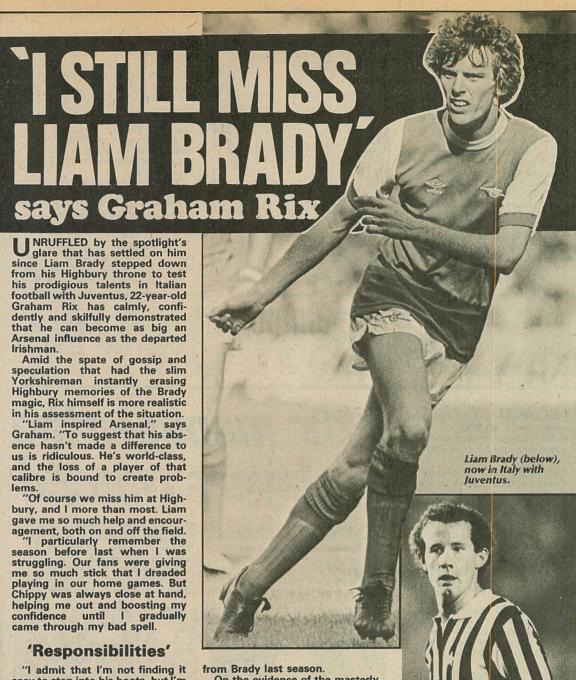
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"I admit that I'm not finding it easy to step into his boots, but I'm willing and eager to accept the responsibilities that taking over from him have brought.

"I don't have to stay so wide on

"I don't have to stay so wide on the left now that Liam has gone, and while we are all feeling his absence at Arsenal, I think the greater freedom has helped to improve my game."

Wednesday, September 10, 1980, will always be a very special rung in the soccer ladder Graham has climbed so steadily.

It was the day the young Arsenal ace made his first full England appearance at Wembley against Norway, after already making an appearance against Australia in the summer. It was also the day he cast a shadow over the international future of seasoned campaigners Ray Kennedy and Trevor Brooking with an impressive display of skill and confidence, that, among other things, highlighted the new and exciting partnership he has formed with the latest Highbury idol, Kenny Sansom.

Rix, who joined Arsenal as an

Rix, who joined Arsenal as an apprentice in 1974 and signed professional forms early the following year, stole much of the limelight

On the evidence of the masterly ball control, elusiveness, and devastating passing skill with which he has illuminated Arsenal's mounting threat to the current leaders, the slightly-built wizard from Doncaster can become as vital to Arsenal's ambitions as the greatest names from Highbury's glorious past.

Graham, obviously relishing the adventurous co-operation of left-back Kenny Sansom, happily admits that the attacking flair of the England defender has been of enormous help to him this season.

enormous help to him this season.

"Kenny has played superbly for us since the opening day of the season when we quickly established a very effective partnership on the left.

on the left.

"We are both natural left-footed players who like playing one-touch football, and I'm sure that the way we've hit it off in club games played an important part in my selection for the England side."

So successfully has soccer's latest bill-topping "double-act" plagued opposing defences that Arsenal's decision to continue using Rix wide on the wing as much as possible confirmed that

Graham Rix is a player of outstanding brilliance, and not just someone to be regarded as a competent substitute for Liam Brady.

substitute for Liam Brady.

Already this season the gifted Sansom/Rix combination has created havoc among opposing defences, and there can be little doubt that national teams more talented and renowned than the Norwegians will have cause to remember the arts and crafts of Highbury's two young-master Gunners as England advance along the road leading to Spain and the World Cup Finals.

Nikola aims to play inst his United

Jovanovic speak very much English. But when you ask him whether he thought of going back to Yugo-slavia during his long spell in Manchester United's reserves last season, he gives an expressive shrug and his face breaks into a big smile.

The six foot three centre-half joined United from Red Star Belgrade for £300,000 in January, 1980. But he was picked for only one first team game last season.

He came into the side for a match at Derby that United won 3-1 but was pulled off before the

He made only one other appearance as substitute last season, which must have been a big disap-

pointment to him.

This season, though, he has become a favourite with the Old Trafford fans. "Yes," he says, "They have been very nice to me. I'm glad I stuck it out for so long."

Even with Gordon McQueen out through injury, Jovanovic wasn't first choice for the centre-half spot at the beginning of the season.

Kevin Moran was handed the

number five shirt, but when he was injured early in the season Jovanovic finally got his chance of an extended run.

He made a pretty shaky start but, as he says himself: "It was a big change from playing in the reserves. The game was much

He quickly adjusted, though, and started to make a name for himself as a goalscorer, as well as a goal-

At one point earlier this season. he was United's top scorer. He got two against Leicester in the League and came close to nabbing

Some of Jovanovic's defensive colleagues have palpatations when they see him suddenly taking off upfield. But the crowd delight in his adventurous ways.

I like to use my height in the opponents' penalty-area. It is a nice feeling to score goals now and again. United play in an attacking way and the defenders often go forward.

Jovanovic was able to settle in England a lot quicker than many other foreign imports because he brought his wife with him when he came over to sign.

One of the biggest disappointments for Jovanovic this season was missing the big Manchester derby game against City.

He was forced to pull out because his country wanted him for a World Cup qualifying game.

Delighted

United manager Dave Sexton would normally have been delighted to release one of his players for an international. But at the time, he was without McQueen and Moran and had no other centre-half cover.

Said Jovanovic: "It was a difficult situation. I left it to Mr Sexton to decide. For me, they were both very important matches."

Sexton was, at one point, thinking of holding on to Jovanovic in spite of the Yugoslav World Cup call, but eventually he let the player go.

Yugoslavia have a tough qualifying group, with Italy, Greece and Luxembourg the other sides.

But the way the Yugoslavs are playing, Jovanovic is keeping his fingers crossed that they'll make it to Spain in 1982. He says: "It would be interesting

to play against some of the other United players in the World Cup. But it is still a long way off.



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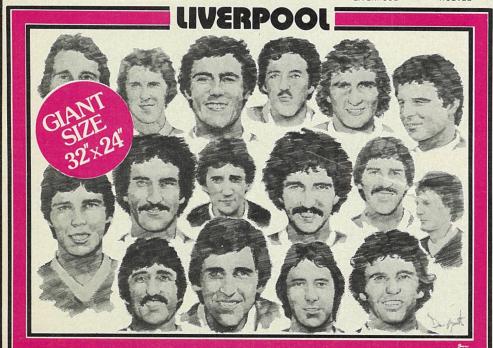
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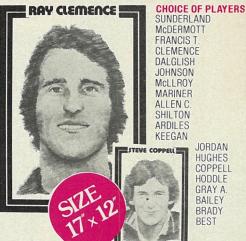
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